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CHINESE STUDENTS.

Hundreds Are Now in Japan—No Sign of Exhaustion.

(Associated Press.)

Boston, Mass., Dec. 20.—The American board of foreign missions made public to-day a report from its oldest missionary in Japan, Rev. D. C. Greene, D. D. of Tokyo in which Dr. Greene states there are now 1,000 Chinese students, including 50 military cadets in Tokyo under the auspices of the Chinese government and 1,000 more in the city independent of the government. Dr. Greene further stated that if one should add to this the fact that in several provinces of China there are military schools with Japanese instructors, it is not difficult to see that when peace is restored, Japan is not to stand alone in her purpose to prevent a new invasion of Manchuria on the part of Russia. There is no evidence, according to Dr. Greene, that Japan is becoming exhausted. The rice harvest of this year is estimated to be worth 130,000,000 yen more than the average, and is the best for twenty years. Prices range high, but otherwise there is no sign of serious

strain. Several enterprises like electrical railways are being pushed forward without serious loss of vigor. Government work is being restricted, but railway extension is still to go forward, though more slowly.

MACEDONIAN TROUBLES.

Situation is Seriously Occupying the Attention of the Powers.

(Associated Press.)

London, Dec. 19.—There is reason to believe, according to the correspondent at Sofia of the Times, that the marked aggravation in the situation in Macedonia is seriously occupying the attention of the powers. The warfare of Bulgarian and Greek bands, the correspondent reports, continues, and there have been several fights recently, while the Porte has done nothing in the direction of the repatriation of Bulgarian refugees in the Adrianople vilayet.

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WILL NOT ABANDON CANADIAN DOCKYARDS

Admiralty Official's Statement Regarding Changes at Esquimalt and Halifax Under New Policy

London Globe Says Proposed Closing of Local Yard is "Error of First Magnitude"—The King Reluctantly Consented to Scheme of Reforms.

(Special to the Times.)

London, Dec. 20.—In answer to an inquiry made at the admiralty for a declaration of its intention respecting Halifax and Esquimalt, the following statement was given out:

"The matter will be dealt with by the First Lord of the Admiralty in his memo. on the naval estimates for 1905-6, but there will be undoubtedly a decrease of money sent at Halifax and Esquimalt in the near future."

A highly-placed official of the admiralty said: "It must be taken into consideration that the reduction of the ships in commission from three years to two years won't necessitate so many repairs. That is one of the chief reasons for cutting down expenses. The reorganization of fleets makes it clear that repairs may be done at Devonport and Hongkong, which formerly were done at Halifax and Esquimalt. Canadians need fear no abandonment of these ports. The Imperial government in cutting down the staff at Halifax and Esquimalt is like one leaving one house and putting a caretaker in charge, and I wish to point out that these changes at Halifax and Esquimalt have absolutely no connection with Canada's failure to contribute to the navy."

Edward Ward, permanent under secretary of the war office, said to-day he did not believe it was the intention of the admiralty to entirely close the dockyards, but believed the intentions were to leave guards in charge so that at any moment work could be resumed. To keep the yards open when there was no work for them to do would be like throwing stones in a river.

The Standard says the dockyard re-

forms contemplated by the admiralty are to embrace the curtailment of expenditure on the smaller naval stations abroad. Esquimalt will be reduced, since Hongkong will suffice for all the needs of warships in the Pacific.

The Globe says: "We note at all like the projected closing of the dockyards at Jamaica and Halifax, and we regard the pursuance of the same policy at Esquimalt as an error of the first magnitude."

Cables received here say that a sensation has been caused in Canada by the Imperial government's determination to withdraw the naval and military forces from Canada.

It is understood on high authority that the King anticipated this feeling when the ministers submitted the scheme, and greatly hesitated to approve the plan. He only withdrew his opposition when it was proved beyond a doubt that the redistribution of the navy would give the Canadian Atlantic coast protection from the Home and Channel fleets, and if necessary, also from the Mediterranean fleet, far exceeding anything hitherto known, and of course infinitely greater than the ineffective protection of the present North American squadron, which does not boast of a single battleship.

The admiralty were able to assure the King that within five days whenever danger arose such a tremendous fleet of battleships could be brought into Canadian waters as would overwhelm any conceivable force.

Orders have consequently gone out from the admiralty for the withdrawal of practically the whole American squadron. The expectation is that the smallest possible amount of Imperial money will be spent in the future at Halifax and Esquimalt.

COMMISSION WILL SIT ON THURSDAY

TO INQUIRE INTO
NORTH SEA INCIDENT

United States Admiral Has Not Yet Arrived in Paris—Reception by President Loubet.

(Associated Press.)

Paris, Dec. 20.—President Loubet this morning received at the Elysee Palace the members of the international commission which is to inquire into the North Sea incident, but the non-arrival of Rear-Admiral Davis prevented the American participating. It was expected that Admiral Davis would land at Dover from the Finland and cross over to Calais, arriving here a few days before the reception, but his determination to go on to Antwerp postponed his arrival until to-morrow. He telegraphed to the embassy that he would reach Paris on Wednesday afternoon.

In the meantime arrangements were completed for M. Loubet's reception and Foreign Minister Delcasse's breakfast to-day, but the formal opening of the sessions of the commission will probably have to be postponed until the arrival of Admiral Davis completes the membership.

The reception of the commission at the Elysee presented a brilliant scene.

A guard of colonial infantry drawn up in the court of the palace saluted the admirals. M. Loubet received the commission in the audience chamber surrounded by naval and civil officials. The admirals and their staff wore the show uniforms of their various countries. The British and Russian admirals exchanged pleasant salutations.

Admiral Kazinkoff is a youthful admiral with a keen face and of stocky build. Rear-Admiral Sir Lewis A. Beaumont is venerable and tall, towering above his colleagues.

After M. Loubet had welcomed the commission there was a brief meeting of the council of ministers.

The foreign office later in the day announced that the formal opening of the session of the commission had been postponed until Thursday. However, M. Delcasse's breakfast to the commission will be given, all the admirals except Admiral Davis attending. There will be no formalities and no addresses.

Admiral Davis at Antwerp. Antwerp, Dec. 20.—Rear-Admiral Davis, the representative of the American government on the international commission to inquire into the North Sea incident, landed here from the steamer Finland about noon on his way to Paris.

CRUSHED TO DEATH WHILE ASLEEP

FALLING WALL CRUSHED
THROUGH HOTEL ROOF

Several Persons Were Killed and Eight Who Are Missing Are Also Probably Dead.

(Associated Press.)

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 20.—Four or five, and possibly ten or eleven persons, lost their lives early to-day in the Crocker hotel, on Fifth street, through the falling of the high east wall of the O. H. Peck building, which was damaged by fire Tuesday night.

The high wind of last night loosened the bricks in the wall, and tons of brick and stone crashed down upon the roof of the three-story hotel next door. The roof was carried through to the basement. Several persons are missing, presumably dead, as follows: William Crocker, landlord; Mrs. Maggie Leclair, Jennie Morris, Wm. Immerman, Wm. Bray, carpenter and contractor; Chas. Kenyon, William Lillybladt.

Seven men and one woman are unaccounted for. The crash came when almost every one in the hotel was asleep. Almost instantly the building was a wreck, with injured persons calling for help. A number who were asleep at the time of the accident, and who were not immediately in the path of the falling bricks, escaped though badly injured. The fire department responded quickly, as did the police.

Another Report. Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 20.—The side wall of the O. H. Peck building on Fifth street, which was left standing by the great fire of last Tuesday night, toppled over in a high gale early to-day on to the Crocker hotel, a three-story structure adjoining.

The tons of brick and mortar crashed completely down through the flimsily constructed building, carrying floors and all into a mass of debris in the basement. There was no warning of the disaster, and the 14 persons who were sleeping in the various apartments were caught in the crushed structure. Eight of them were killed.

The injured are: Hans Mason and James Hamilton, employed at Renner's livery; C. M. Kanyon, foreman; Daniel's lined oil mills; Mrs. Jennie Murray; Wm. Ermerman, laborer; William Bray, contractor; Joseph Viole, coachman; W. Lillybladt, employed in Daniel's lined oil mills.

The injured are: Mrs. Carthy Boyce, cut about the face and body bruised; W. J. Crocker, badly bruised and suffering from exposure; Mrs. Evelyn Williams, face cut and badly bruised; Mrs. Anna McNava, face cut and badly bruised. Some of those injured were in the Belmont hotel adjoining the Crocker, and were hurt by the debris that was forced through the walls separating the two buildings.

WINNIPEG NOTES.

The Wheat Shipment—New Deputy Minister of Agriculture For Manitoba.

(Associated Press.)

Winnipeg, Dec. 20.—From September 1st to December 12th the total wheat shipments were 15,755,000 bushels, of which about 2,000,000 bushels were taken out by United States vessels. To the same date last year over 17,000,000 bushels were taken out.

Will Be Sentenced Next Week.

Bartlett, the defaulting clerk of the department of agriculture, will be given the privilege of taking his Christmas dinner with his wife, and will be sentenced December 27th.

Mystic Shrines.

A branch of the Ancient Arabic Orders of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine will be organized here to-morrow.

Deputy Minister.

Editor W. J. Black has retired from the Farmers' Advocate to accept the deputy ministryship in the agricultural department, succeeding Mr. McKellar. He first leaves for Selburne, Ont., where he will be married.

CANNERY TO BE BUILT AT VICTORIA

MR. RILEY ARRANGING
FOR SUITABLE SITE

Cruisers for Canadian Naval Militia Will Be Secured by Sir F. Borden in England.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Dec. 20.—George Riley, M.P., Victoria, arrived here to-day. He had an interview with Hon. Clifford Sifton in regard to getting a site for a new cannery to be established near Victoria.

Naval Militia Cruisers.

Hon. Raymond Prefontaine has not handed plans for the purchase of the cruisers for the Canadian naval militia, notwithstanding the report in the press that the boats are to be made in Canada. The minister of militia will leave for England at the close of the next session of parliament and consult the admiralty on the subject. The boats will therefore be secured in Britain.

Hydrographic Survey.

It is the intention of the government to take over all the work of hydrographic survey. At present the British admiralty does part of it. As soon as the necessary boats are obtained the entire work will be done by Canada.

The Premier's Return.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier will arrive here on Thursday morning.

POLICE USED SABRES.

Student Riot at Moscow—Authorities Were Prepared for Trouble—Charges on Mob.

Moscow, Dec. 19.—This city was the scene of a revolutionary demonstration yesterday from noon till nearly evening, probably 5,000 persons actually participated. Fortunately the orators did not succeed in drawing the workmen from the factories into the disturbance, and after many collisions, the police firing blank volleys and charging with their sabres, the crowds finally were dispersed. Many were wounded and more were arrested.

As far as known none of the rioters were killed. One policeman is reported fatally injured. Many on both sides were roughly handled. The authorities knew in advance that trouble was impending, and many houses along Tverskai street were specially guarded.

Several squadrons of mounted gendarmes were concentrated in the courtyard ready for any emergency.

The crowds began to collect at midday in Tverskai street, students, young men and women, mixing with the general public. There 3,000 persons assembled, many armed with clubs and carrying flags. The crowd, singing, moved toward the palace of Grand Duke Sergius, the governor-general of Moscow.

The police attempted to block the street, whereat the trouble began in earnest. The crowd broke through the cordon and one policeman was knocked down and it is thought, fatally hurt. Battalions of police were brought up at double quick to reinforce their comrades. Sticks and stones were freely used by the mob, and the police, under orders of their chief, fired several blank volleys, while mounted men charged, using the butts of their swords.

The mob fought stubbornly, but finally broke and sought shelter in the side streets. A crowd of 600 collected in front of the theatre, where revolutionary flags were hoisted amid shouts of "Long live freedom." The police were not prepared at this point and the crowd increased, gathering in volunteers and moving to square Neglia and Tominsk bridge, the chief street of Moscow, where the police met them. Another stubborn fight ensued ending with three blank volleys and sabre charges.

Many shops were turned into hospitals, where the wounded were temporarily cared for.

The workmen held aloof from the demonstration, employers having given them warning that any who participated would be dismissed.

Official Statement.

Moscow, Dec. 20.—An official account of the riots says the agitation among the Moscow students commenced after the St. Petersburg riots of December 11th. The revolutionary socialist committee of Moscow circulated bulletins urging demonstrations for December 19th and 20th. A brief recitation of the riots was given. The police charged the rioters and carried off the banners bearing inscriptions hostile to the government. Nobody was seriously injured. Two of the policemen are suffering from gunshot wounds. Forty-three of the ringleaders are detained in custody and will be tried on charges of disturbing public order. The others who were arrested have been released. An attempt was made to revive the disturbances yesterday, but was stopped by the police. Twenty-two persons were arrested.

VOWED TO CAPTURE THE FORT OR DIE

MANY VOLUNTEERED
FOR HAZARDOUS TASK

The Russians Who Remained After the First Charge Were Killed by the Japanese.

(Associated Press.)

Headquarters of the Third Japanese Army, via Fusan, Dec. 19.—The capture of the north Korean mountain fort, Keekwan, was a brilliant spectacle. For weeks the Japanese had been tunnelling two shafts forty feet in length, with four branches. They laid seven mines, which were exploded on the 18th.

The two attacking parties were composed of volunteers, and those participating in the first assault vowed to capture the fort or die. The soldiers of the first force were distinguished by a red badge. They remained in the most daring of the explosion of the mines, having charged prematurely, and many were killed by the debris.

The second body of assaulters, distinguished by white badges, was in the rear during the explosion, and was prevented from charging immediately, the mouths of the shafts having been filled with debris. The explosion made two huge rents in the huge walls through which the assaulters entered, winning the trenches in front of the wall and killing the remainder of the garrison in the rear of the fort.

GEN. SAMEJIMA THE
HERO OF ASSAULT.

Tokio, Dec. 20.—All Japan is to-day ringing with praise of Gen. Samejima as the hero of the assault on Keekwan mountain fort. It is conceded that his heroism inspired his men and turned a threatened disaster into a splendid victory. Gen. Samejima is an old Samurai veteran of the war of the restoration and the Satsuma rebellion. He is gray haired and bent, but is wiry and active. He is an engineer and was formerly a garrison commander. He is Japan's specialist in fortifications and was called to Port Arthur to aid in superintending the siege works. He was not assigned to active command, and it is supposed General Samejima replaced General Tsuchiya as division commander.

BUSY ON FORTIFICATIONS
SOUTH OF MUKDEN.

Mukden, Dec. 2.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—A month back the natives of Mukden were on the verge of panic, the Russians were retreating from Liao Yang and so, the story went, were not going to stop short of The Pass or Harbin. Everyone who had the means either left the city or prepared to do so. What provisions there were rose to famine prices, private vehicles disappeared from the streets and the Chinese two-wheeled carts that serve as droskies, vanished. Shutters were up on many of the stores, and the whole place looked like a city about to be abandoned to the enemy.

To-day Mukden is as thriving as it ever was, if not more so. The Russians are fortifying thirteen miles to the south on a line that everyone believes the Japanese can neither break nor turn. The city has opened up again and life is going on as smoothly as if there were not two big armies at quarters close enough for us to hear every big gun that is fired. Native cabs are again on the street and soldiers on duty at the street crossing directing the busy traffic like the police on the Nevsky in St. Petersburg. Altogether the fear of war and hostile occupancy has apparently vanished, and the town is now living its old Oriental life with just a leaven of modern energy introduced by a population of about a quarter of a million foreigners scattered round about.

THE BALTIC FLEET
COALED AT LIBREVILLE.

New York, Dec. 20.—A Brussels dispatch to the Times says:

"Passengers on the steamer Leopold Ville, which arrived at Antwerp yesterday (Sunday) report that the Baltic fleet stopped to coal at Libreville, French Congo."

"Admiral Rojestvensky exchanged visits with the French officials, to whom he expressed the hope that he would arrive in the Far East about the middle of March."

SOLDIERS COMFORTABLE
IN THEIR MUD HUTS.

Mukden, Dec. 18.—Artillery fire still continues along the front of the Russian army. It was particularly severe on December 15th, when the Japanese made a demonstration against the Russian advanced position along the railroad.

The Russian camps present a picturesque appearance. The sides of the hills around the villages are dotted with mud huts, and little chimneys of mud from which smoke arises. These habitations of the common soldiers are even more comfortable than the officers' quarters in Chinese houses. The huts for the enlisted men are well built, roomy, with small glass windows and each is provided with a sheetiron stove.

The men have every comfort possible, including great quantities of warm clothing and heat-producing food. The transport service is working well, as the roads are kept from mud and in excellent condition. The supplies of hay and grain are being brought from Northern Manchuria by wagon roads, several of which now extend direct to the southern and eastern positions.

The stores in Mukden are well stocked with every class of goods, but the prices are extremely high. The trouble has depreciated in value, as the result of the stoppage in the shipment of silver. The supply of certain classes of Chinese merchandise coming through the Chinese territory to Manchuria has also been cut off.

There are in Mukden 25,000 Chinese refugees, who are being cared for by Chinese officials and missionaries. The feeding of these will become a problem,

unless the Chinese are allowed to bring grain from northern granaries. The weather continues clear and cold. The lowest temperature yet reached is 10 degrees below zero Fahrenheit.

JAPS BURNED TO
DEATH IN TRENCHES.

London, Dec. 19.—The Daily Telegraph's Chefoo messenger with the Japanese lines before Port Arthur reports that the Russians had prepared at the fort at Pahlung a moat 600 yards long and seventy feet wide, which they filled with petroleum to a depth of several feet, and then covered with wood and straw. In the course of an attack early in December the storming party was sunk in this moat, which the Russians fired with an electric fuse. The fierce conflagration lasted all night, and hundreds of Japanese were burned to death, but the second night, the trench having dried up, the Japanese advanced in small detachments, protected by large wood shields and engaged in a severe hand-to-hand fight. The Japanese, the report continues, captured the position and made prisoners of 152 Russians.

SEVENTY JAP OFFICERS
KILLED OR WOUNDED.

Tokio, Dec. 20.—Imperial headquarters to-day published a list of 26 officers killed and 44 wounded, presumably during the recent attacks on a certain fortress.

The fortress referred to is undoubtedly Port Arthur, in which the dispatch was filed indicates the strictness of the Japanese censorship over press dispatches.

CHEFOO WITHOUT
NEWS FROM FORTRESS.

Chefoo, Dec. 20.—No further news from Port Arthur reached Chefoo to-day.

DEMAND SURRENDER
OF RUSSIAN SAILORS.

Shanghai, Dec. 20.—The Tao Tai has demanded of the Russian consul the surrender of the two sailors of the Russian cruiser Askold, who were charged with murdering a Chinaman, but the Chinese official does not possess a force adequate to control the thousand Russians here. The event of the consul's refusal to surrender the two sailors.

ADMIRAL REBUKES OFFICERS.

Says It Is Their Duty to Lay Aside Pens and Attend to Business.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 19.—Admiral Birleff, who has gone to Libau to superintend the completion and preparation of vessels still in the Baltic Sea, in a letter to the press has administered a rebuke to those naval officers who have been engaged in a newspaper controversy relative to the question whether Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky's squadron is strong enough to cope with the ships of Vice-Admiral Togo without reinforcements.

Admiral Birleff expresses the affirmative opinion on this point, declaring that beyond question the Japanese ships have suffered severely, as evidenced by the fact that the Japanese have ordered 108 armor plates, fourteen for the battleship Mikasa alone. Nevertheless, he considers it to be absolutely vital to prepare a third squadron should it prove necessary to support or replace the second squadron.

The admiral says every day's delay is a misdeed and every week's delay a crime. The business of naval officers, therefore, he remarks, is to lay aside their pens till the war is over and attend to business. There is no time now to try to locate the blame for the fact that Russia's navy was not better prepared.

"As a matter of fact," Admiral Birleff says, "we are all guilty. If our heads are still on our shoulders, it is due to the forbearance of my long-suffering Emperor."

DAMAGE TO TRAWLERS.
Claims Against the Russian Government Aggregate About \$300,000.

(Associated Press.)
London, Dec. 20.—The Board of Trade to-day to the North Sea incident closed this afternoon. It is said that the claims against the Russian government aggregate about \$300,000.

RECEIVED BY THE POPE.

Canadian Bishops Pay a Visit to the Vatican.

(Associated Press.)
Rome, Dec. 20.—The Pope to-day received in private audience the Right Rev. Jas. C. Macdonald, Bishop of Charlottetown, P. E. I.; the Right Rev. Timothy Casey, Bishop of St. John, N. B.; and the Right Rev. Paul Laroche, Bishop of Sherbrooke, Que.

BISHOP PHELAN DEAD.

(Associated Press.)
Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 20.—Right Rev. Richard Pheasant, Bishop of the Roman Catholic diocese of Pittsburg, died at noon to-day.

MODERATOR'S OPINION

On the Question of Union of the Churches.

(Associated Press.)
Toronto, Ont., Dec. 20.—At a meeting of the Presbyterian union church committee meeting this morning, Dr. Milligan, moderator of the general assembly, expressed the opinion that organic union could not be brought about.

CHILD'S FATAL FALL.

(Associated Press.)
Peterboro, Ont., Dec. 20.—Harold Gandler, six years old, on Sunday fell from a chair with a slate pencil in his hand, which entered the neck. Blood from the injury oozed in that organ, and caused paralysis of the brain, resulting in his death yesterday.

WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE.

(Associated Press.)
London, Ont., Dec. 20.—The city council last night adopted unanimously a resolution petitioning the Ontario government to grant an extended form of woman's suffrage in municipal elections. Bachelors' eyes are never closed. Sleeping or waking, alive or dead, they are always wide open. This is because they have no eyelids.

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SCHOONERS MISSING.

Newfoundland Boats Disappeared During Gale—Feared Loss of Fifty Men.

St. John's, Nfld., Dec. 10.—Several schooners belonging on this island and which were driven off by the gale of Sunday, December 11th, are still unreported. The crews total sixty men. It is feared they have been lost. The schooner Klondike, which went ashore on Cape St. Mary's yesterday, is a total wreck. Her crew is safe.

Other Wrecks.

Woodhouse, Mass., Dec. 19.—Yesterday's gale off the southern New England coast left in its wake, according to reports received here late to-night,

three vessels totally wrecked, sixteen damaged and five with lost anchors. No casualties have been reported, but it is feared the crew of the New Jersey schooner Richard S. Leamington, wrecked on Long Shoal, Nantuxet Sound, has been lost. The crew probably numbered ten men.

On land the only serious effect of the storm was the almost complete prostration of telegraph and telephone wires on Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard. Tonight for the first time since the storm broke, telegraphic communication between this port and Boston was re-established. East and south of here the wires were still down to-night.

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HOW JAPS TOOK RUSSIAN FORT

FIERCE HAND-TO-HAND STRUGGLE WITH BAYONETS

Number of Attacking Force Buried Beneath a Mass of Debris—The Abandoned Warships.

Tokio, Dec. 19.—The following report of the capture of north fort, East Keelwan mountain, was telegraphed from Gen. Nogai's headquarters to-day: "On December 18th, at 2.15 p.m., part of our army blew up the parapets of the north fort of East Keelwan mountain and then charged. A fierce battle with hand grenades ensued. Owing to the stubborn resistance of the enemy with machine guns, our operations were temporarily suspended. "Subsequently, at 7 p.m., Gen. Semrman, commanding, ordered the supports into the fighting line in a last brave charge. "At 11.50 p.m. we completely occupied the fort and immediately began defensive works. Our occupation became firmly assured to-day. "Before retiring, the enemy exploded four mines in the neighborhood of the neck of the fort. We captured five nine-centimetre field guns and two machine guns as well as plenty of ammunition. The enemy left 40 or 50 dead. Our casualties are not as heavy."

COMPLETE SURPRISE FOR THE RUSSIANS

London, Dec. 20.—According to a special correspondent with the Japanese army, the capture of Keelwan fort was a complete surprise to the Russian garrison, there having been no preparatory bombardment. The Japanese sappers drove shafts 40 feet under the parapet of the fort from the escarpment and moat. In these two tons of dynamite were exploded simultaneously, completely wrecking the structure of the fort, while sappers and shrapnel guns shelled Russian troops in the vicinity. This occurred at 2 p.m. A detachment of Japanese infantry made a headlong but premature rush, and part of them became buried under a mass of debris, greatly delaying the attack. Despite this mischance, another volunteer force dashed forward and captured the parapet. In the meantime the Russians had been strongly reinforced and a fierce hand-to-hand struggle with bayonets and grenades was continued till near midnight, when the few Russian survivors retreated to the city and the fort was captured. Its conquest displays the utmost scientific knowledge.

RUSSIANS HAVE ABANDONED WARSHIP.

Tokio, Dec. 19.—A staff officer of the naval brigade, who landed at Port Arthur, reports as follows: "The battleship Peresvet is lying 200 metres northwest of the Tiger's Tail peninsula, with her bow turned north-west half north, and at high tide the water reaches to the torpedo tubes in her bow. She is submerged to her stern walk and lies aground without listing. Her central funnel is severely damaged. "The battleship Poltava lies 200 metres north of the point of Tiger's Tail. Her bow points east southeast, half east, and at high tide is submerged to her after deck. She is doubtless aground and does not list. "The battleship Retvizan lies 100 metres east of the Poltava, her stern forward. Her condition is worse than that of the Poltava. She is listing five degrees to starboard and her afterdeck is constantly submerged. "The battleship Pobeda lies 220 metres northeast half east of the point of Tiger's Tail, with her bow pointing northeast, half north. Her after deck on the starboard side must be submerged at high tide. "The protected cruiser Pallada lies 100 metres east by north of the Pobeda. Her bow is southwest half south and she is listed five degrees to port. At high tide the cruiser is submerged to about the same level as the decks of the Peresvet. She is doubtless grounded. "The armored cruiser Bayan lies 400 metres southwest half west of the harbor entrance with her bow toward east northeast half east. She is listed 15 degrees and appeared to be aground. "The above named battleships and cruisers have been abandoned and no boats are seen near them. "The Japanese lost two torpedo boats during operations against the battleship Sevastopol, which was reported yesterday in advices from Port Arthur to be completely disabled.

THE HEROES OF TORPEDO BOAT ATTACK.

Tokio, Dec. 19.—Although accustomed to hearing of acts of bravery on the part of their soldiers and sailors, the people of Japan have been thrilled by the details of the desperate torpedo attacks against the Russian battleship Sevastopol and other craft driven outside the harbor of Port Arthur by the fire of the Japanese land batteries. Commander Yezoe and Lieut. Nakamura are the heroes of these attacks, and the former promises to gain equal prominence with Commander Hirose, who on March 27th last, was blown to fragments by the Russian torpedoes in an attempt to bottle up Port Arthur in the war traditions of Japan. Commander Yezoe's flotilla of torpedo boats was undergoing repairs when the attacks were planned, but he succeeded in putting one of his vessels into condition for a fight. The vessel he promptly started to the rendezvous and finding that the other flotilla had gone, begged and gained permission to join in the attacks. Then he steamed through the snowstorm alone and succeeded in locating the Sevastopol, to which he was able to get close enough to hear the Russians talking. Yezoe fired a torpedo and then went closer and fired a second torpedo, when a shell from the Sevastopol struck him in the abdomen cutting his body in two. Portions of the commander's remains were saved and brought back to the fleet. They will probably be brought back to Japan for public interment, as was done with portions of the remains of Commander Hirose.

More of Togo's men volunteered for participation in the attack than could be assigned. It is probable that Admiral Togo will soon return to Japan, leaving the junior admiral to conduct the final operations and to continue the blockade. It is expected that Togo will be summoned by the Emperor to Tokyo, where he will be given a splendid public reception.

Admiral Togo's campaign of ten months is considered equal to any in the history of naval warfare. He has labored constantly under the necessity of preserving the vessels of his fleet from damage to be used against the Russian second Pacific squadron. The admiral and his men have stood storm, stress and exposure excellently. The men are in good health and exultant. "Telegraphing under date of December 18th Vice-Admiral Togo says: 'It is certain that at least six Russian torpedo boats remain intact in the harbor.'"

DRANK WOOD ALCOHOL. Ten Men Are Dead—Two Others Not Expected to Recover.

Ashland, Ky., Dec. 19.—Four more men have been added to the list of six dead, and two others are reported as dying from the effect of wood alcohol, poisoning at the mouth of Beaver river at Big Sandy. Three others of the party are missing. The party, which was a crew of 17 men were en route to Pikeville, the boats being loaded with freight. At the mouth of Beaver two of the boats sank and the men swam and waded ashore with much of the freight. A jug of wood alcohol was one of the bottles saved. The men were cold and wet. Fires were built and a camp made. A man came along and sold them four bottles of "moonshine" whiskey. They drank the whiskey and wanted more. One man said: "Let's drink the alcohol." Another said: "Let's drink the moonshine." One man began mixing the drinks and said: "Come on, let's have our Christmas drink. If it kills us we will all go together." They drank the stuff and while at supper became violently ill. Two doctors were called but could not relieve them.

HEADACHES FROM COLDS. Laxative Bromo Quinine removes the cause. To get the genuine call for the full name and look for signature of E. W. GROVE, 25c.

MINING ASSOCIATION. President Keen Speaks of What the Organization Will Ask the Legislature.

Messrs. John Keen, president, and J. B. Holborn, vice-president, of the Provincial Mining Association of British Columbia, met with a number of other members of the association at Ashcroft recently to discuss the questions to come before the next convention, which is to be held early in the coming year in Vancouver, says the Inland Sentinel. "There is considerable business to transact," said President Keen, in speaking of what was done, "among which are the recommendations already laid before the government, but have received so far no attention. The completion of the incorporation by a private act; the declaration of the rights of quartz miners to the broken surface of the water, by lying on their claims (when recorded) and they are in possession and occupation of them; and to give quartz miners the same rights to their claims and lodes, as we are trying to get for the old placer miners. "Among other things, the question of leased locations and mineral rights have been affected by recent decisions, doubt has been thrown on the meaning of the statute, which could easily be removed by a few distinct words in the old sections. The frequency of suits at law brought under these acts is sufficient to make the question of amending the two acts, and this fact has been repeatedly referred to by their lords on the Supreme court bench. This is sufficient justification for our action in insisting on the amendment modification and consolidation of our mineral and placer acts to give them a chapter on water, its ownership and uses to which it shall apply in mining. "We do not care what party is in power, but we do insist that it is the duty of the legislature, irrespective of the party which leads it, to take this matter up, and give it the attention it so loudly calls for, without delay. "The skeleton of the work has been prepared by this association in both acts for submission to a committee of the House, and it would only be a small amount of work to complete it ready for the consideration of the House. We are willing and ready to assist and voice the needs of the industry, and to obtain further assistance and proofs if the committee needs it, but there we come to a standstill—for the moment—until the legislature will do its duty to an industry which sorely needs it. "We cannot tell yet when the next convention will be held but will send out views to the press shortly."

Always Remember the Full Name Laxative Bromo Quinine Cures a Cold in One Day, Grip in 2 Days

E. W. Grove on every bottle 25c

FOR SALE

Fine building lots fronting New City Park on Gore road. Good acreage property along Burnside Road, and also above Gorge Bridge; excellent fruit growing. Valuable city lots on Yates Street and Wharf Street, yielding a good return as an investment. Also two city water lots at foot of Yates Street with 100 feet wharf and large warehouse. Twenty-three acres in Esquimaux District fronting on Royal Roads. Seventy-nine acres fronting on Sooke Harbor. Excellent building lots in Esquimaux Town. For particulars apply to J. STUART YATES.

SOCIETIES.

COURT VICTORIA, No. 8300, A. O. F.—Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesdays in each month, Sir William Wallace Hall, Broad Street, James Tagg, C. R.; W. Noble, Sec'y.

COURT NORTHERN LIGHT, No. 5505, A. O. F.—Meets 2nd and 4th Wednesdays in each month, K. of P. Hall, Douglas Street, S. L. Redgrave, C. R.; W. F. Fullerton, Sec'y.

COURT VANCOUVER, No. 5755, A. O. F.—Meets 1st and 3rd Mondays in month, K. of P. Hall, Douglas Street, F. L. Smith, C. R.; S. J. Ryan, Sec'y.

PERSONAL.

JOHN WILLIAM FLETCHER REYNOLDS—Meeting since 1890; Geo. Gaid, executor; also a limited number of advanced pupils. Imperial Bank.

SCALP SPECIALIST. MRS. CAMPBELL, 161 Fort Street, scalp specialist, dermatology, hairdressing, massage, manicuring, chiropodist. Morning appointments out at private house. Phone 1112.

BUSINESS CHANCES. Advertisements under this head a cent a word each insertion.

\$2,000 WANTED—For purchase of printing plant; excellent opening for sleeping or active interest; ample security; 10 per cent interest; no competition. Apply to dress and station P. O. Box 14, Victoria.

BOARD AND ROOMS.

TO LET—In private family, two comfortable furnished rooms facing the Bay. One minute from Parliament Buildings. Use of bathroom and phone. Apply Beta Times Office.

LOST AND FOUND.

FOUND—Purse, on Saturday. Owner can have same by proving property and paying for this advertisement. Apply Times Office.

When answering advertisements under this heading please say that you saw this announcement in the Times.

CONDENSED ADVERTISEMENTS.

Rates for insertion in THE TIMES: All Classifications, except Births, Marriages and Deaths, 1 cent per word per day; six insertions for the price of four; no advertisement taken for less than 25 cents. Time rates on application.

WANTED—FEMALE HELP.

Advertisements under this head a cent a word each insertion.

WANTED—A thoroughly capable nurse to take charge of a child, aged three. Apply, with references and wages required, to P. O. Box 72, Victoria.

WANTED—A good dressmaker. Apply Post Office Box 307, Ladysmith.

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WANTED—MALE HELP. Advertisements under this head a cent a word each insertion.

WANTED—Young man in grocery store; one acquainted with the city preferred. Apply Box 442.

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WANTED—TEACHERS. Advertisements under this head a cent a word each insertion.

WANTED—A teacher for Sidney school; duties to commence Jan. 2. Applications received up to Dec. 29. Samuel Roberts, Secretary, Sidney, B. C.

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SITUATIONS WANTED—FEMALE. Advertisements under this head a cent a word each insertion.

EMPLOYMENT AGENCY—80 Rae Street. Reliable servants always needed. Call between 11 a.m. and 1.30 p.m. Letters promptly answered. 1. Devereux.

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WANTED—MISCELLANEOUS. Advertisements under this head a cent a word each insertion.

WANTED—Everybody in Victoria to buy first-class home-made coffee and candy from Hartley, the English candy maker, 74 Yates Street.

WANTED—Photo-engraving work from all parts of the province; satisfaction guaranteed; send for samples and prices. Photo-Engraving Co., 26 Broad Street, Victoria.

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FOR SALE—MISCELLANEOUS. Advertisements under this head a cent a word each insertion.

RING UP TELEPHONE 7434 for decorative and flowering plants in pots; also tall chrysanthemums, white, red and yellow azaleas, geraniums, cinerarias, ferns, asparagus, begonias, etc. Cut flowers, chrysanthemums and carnations. At South Turner Street Greenhouses.

CHRISTMAS TREES FOR SALE—At 814 Yates Street.

FOR SALE—Jersey heifer, 3 years old; due to calve Dec. 24th. Apply Mrs. Jacques, Cantara road, Esquimaux.

HAND-PAINTED CHRISTMAS CARDS—Original and artistic, the "Envelope" design; new this season. On sale at 32 Fort Street, Five Sisters' Block.

FOR SALE—Loan of \$1,000 in the Victoria No. 2 Building Society. Flint & Co., 15 Trousseau Avenue.

FOR SALE—Two first-class fresh culled cows, one general purpose horse, light three-spring wagon. Apply Fisher's Blacksmith Shop, Store Street.

FOR SALE—Oil painting (orig.), by Mrs. T. Higgins; subject: Shell, etc. 32 Fort Street.

HOLLY—For Xmas decoration. Jay & Co., 13 Broad Street. Phone 1024.

MELTON MOWBRAY PORK, mutton, beef and mince pies, spiced meat, Oriental Chutney. At Ye Olde English Pyl House, 35 Douglas Street.

FOR SALE—Durham cow, Jersey cow; both will calve in few days. General purpose horse, light 3-spring wagon. Apply Fisher's Carriage Shop, Store Street.

FOR SALE—Express and light wagons, carts and phaetons, cheap for cash; also our new invention, the family clothes rack. At W. A. Robertson & Son, 50 Discovery Street.

FOR SALE—Cheap, all-light heaters, ranges, stoves, tables, single and double beds, mattresses, bureaus, etc., at Old Curiosity Shop, cor. of Fort and Blanchard.

FOR SALE—Cheap, all-light heaters, ranges, stoves, tables, single and double beds, mattresses, bureaus, etc. 1 X L Second Hand Store, 3 Store Street. Phone B925.

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MISCELLANEOUS. Advertisements under this head a cent a word each insertion.

AN EXHIBITION at 37 Government Street of choice water color paintings, commencing on Tuesday, 20th December.

REWARD—\$300 (thirty dollars) will be paid to anyone giving information that will lead to the arrest and conviction of the party or parties who wilfully and maliciously destroyed the fencing on our property on Catherine and Langford Streets, on the night of the 23rd inst. Thos. Shottbolt; Richard Hall.

JACOB AARONSON—Dealer in new and second-hand goods, jewellery, stoneware, clocks, bicycles, clothing, boots and shoes, sewing machines, etc. Comedy clothes of all kinds for performers. 64 Johnson Street, (next door below Government), Victoria, B. C.

KAI CHUNG & CO., 158 Government St. Employment agency; servants and laborers for any work. Ring up phone 1123. Boot and shoe store.

LIVERY AND HACK STABLE—Victoria Transfer Co., 21 Broughton Street, Tel. 120. Hack, baggage wagons, trucks, etc., at any hour.

AG WING—Fashionable tailor, ladies' and gentlemen's clothes made to order and perfect fit guaranteed. 100 Government Street.

SING TAI—Manufacturer and dealer in ladies' silk and cotton underwear, dresses, wrappers, etc. 74 Douglas Street, Victoria.

BEST JAPANESE PORCELAIN and fancy goods at Kawai Bros. Co., 86 Douglas St.

BOARDS OF TRADE, Tourist Association, etc., should consult us when preparing guide books, advertising literature, and all kinds of illustrated matters. We group photos artistically and guarantee best results. B. C. Photo-Engraving Co., 26 Broad Street, Victoria.

BOARD AND ROOMS. Advertisements under this head a cent a word each insertion.

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TO LET.

Advertisements under this head a cent a word each insertion.

TO LET—House, near Douglas Street car line, hot and cold water, sewer connected. Apply 100 Chatham Street.

FOR RENT—10 acres, cleared and fenced with buildings. A. Williams & Co., 104 Yates Street.

TO LET—Cottage, 5 rooms and bath, \$7 per month. A. Williams, 104 Yates.

TO LET—Cottage, No. 94 Menzies Street, 5 large airy rooms, all modern conveniences, full sized lot, 7 fruit trees, convenient to park, beach and city. House open for inspection from 12 to 3 daily.

TO LET—Newly furnished house, at 170 Yates Street.

TO LET—Office, the very best position in Victoria. Three small rooms, with or without furniture, steam heated, electric light, mail floor, janitor's attendance, over Imperial Bank, corner Government and Yates Streets. Apply Norton Printers, 20th Century Business Training College.

TO LET—Boarding house, furnished, first-class table, well recommended. 227 Johnson, cor. Vancouver.

TO LET—Osborne House, Pandora and Blanchard Streets; furnished rooms at reasonable rates, per week or per month.

TO LET—Furnished bedroom for gentleman, with use of bath. Gordon Hotel, Yates Street.

LEE & FRASER, Real Estate and Insurance Agents, 9 and 11 Trousseau Avenue.

\$400 FOR GOOD BUILDING LOT, South Turner Street.

\$100 EACH for 3 lots, 55x115 ft. each. Fernwood Estate.

HOUSES TO RENT in all parts of the city.

\$1,500 WILL PURCHASE fine cottage and large lot in James Bay.

FOUL BAY—On water front, 2 large lots, 60x150 each; \$150 each.

DISCOVERY STREET—16 cabins and lot 30x120 for \$1,000.

2 1/2 ACRES on Gordon Head road, with good house, barn, fruit trees; immediate possession; price \$1,400, on terms.

2 1/2 LOTS on Dallas road, near Clover Point, for sale at a very low figure in order to close out an estate.

QUEEN'S AVE., near Chambers Street, one large lot, \$225.

PRINCESS AVE., near Chambers, good building lot, \$225.

LINDON AVE.—Very large lot, only \$1,000.

GOOD 5 ROOMED COTTAGE, centrally located, with stable, electric light and sewer connection; a bargain for \$1,000.

FARMS AND FARMING LANDS FOR SALE—Cheap and on easy terms. Money to loan at low rates of interest. Fire and Life Assurance effected in first-class companies.

LEE & FRASER, Real Estate and Insurance Agents, 9 and 11 Trousseau Avenue.

HEISTERMAN & CO., Real Estate and Insurance, 75 Government Street.

TO LET—Comfortable five roomed cottage, with all conveniences, immediate possession; rent \$15.

FOR SALE—Sixty acres best fruit land in B. C., only five miles from town; 40 acres cleared and under cultivation.

TO LET—Several good houses with modern conveniences.

BELCHER STREET—Choice building sites for sale; only a few left.

A WILLIAMS & CO., LTD., 104 Yates Street.

Farm, 155 acres, good buildings, close to city \$3,300

Farm, 10 acres, cleared and fenced, 1,300

100 acres, cleared and fenced, 2,500

Good 6 roomed house with bath 80

BUILDER & GENERAL CONTRACTOR. THOMAS CATTERALL—16 Broad Street. Building in all its branches; wharf work and general jobbing. Tel. 820.

CONTRACTORS. CHAS. A. MCGREGOR, 95 Yates Street. Jobbing trade a specialty. Twenty years' experience. Orders promptly filled.

ESTIMATES GIVEN on moving buildings, dock carefully done at reasonable prices. Johnson & Co., 111 North Pembroke St.

CARBUTHERS, DICKSON & HOWES, 151 to 155 Johnson Street, Grimsby Block, Victoria, and 1038 Richard Street, Vancouver, manufacturers of show cases and store fixtures in hard and soft wood; designs and estimates furnished.

POTTERY WARE. SEWER PIPE, FIELD TILE, GROUND FIRE CLAY, FLOWER POTS, ETC., A. C. POTTERY CO., LIMITED, CORNER BLANCHARD AND PANDORA STREETS, VICTORIA.

WATCH REPAIRING. A. PETRO, 90 Douglas Street. Specialty of English watch repairing. All kinds of clocks and watches repaired.

CHIMNEY SWEEPING. SANTA CLAUS will not come down dirty chimneys. Chimneys cleaned from 50c. No mess, fuss or bungling. Hollis, 4 Broughton Street; in any weather.

DON'T BE HUMBUGGED by itinerant fakirs if you want your chimneys cleaned! Go to the only capable and reliable chimney cleaner in Victoria, Wm. Neal, 32 Quadra Street. Phone A381.

CLEANING WORKS. GENTS' SUITS CLEANED and pressed (equal to new) \$1.00. Lash, 104 View Street, next corner Quadra.

OSTRICH FEATHERS, boas, crinoline, etc., cleaned and curled by the best French method; feather boas made to order. Address Mrs. R. Wilson, 100 View Street, next corner Quadra. Tel. 104.

PAUL'S CLEANING AND PRESSING WORKS, 120 Fort Street. Lace Curtains and blankets a specialty. Phone 1012.

EDUCATIONAL. PROFESSOR E. CLAUDIO—Instructor of the violin, mandolin and guitar, will conduct a special class in the art of piano accompaniment to a limited number of advanced pupils. Imperial Bank.

PRIVATE TUITION in practical Spanish, terms moderate. Address 20 Pioneer St.

MRS. RUDDEN, teacher of the pianoforte, thorough instruction in bookkeeping, shorthand, typewriting. R. A. Macmillan, principal.

SHORTHAND SCHOOL—15 Broad Street. Special attention given to bookkeeping, shorthand, typewriting. R. A. Macmillan, principal.

SLATE AND GRAYWALL WORKING, cement sidewalks, etc. John J. Lott, 1441 corner at Nicholas & Renouf.

BEAUMONT BOGGS

Real Estate and Insurance Agent, 42 Fort St.

TO LET—Furnished house, immediate possession.

FOR SALE—5 roomed cottage, Hereward Street, 2 lots; price \$500.

FOR SALE—One of the best farms in Cowichan, well stocked, and at a great bargain; call and see particulars.

FOR SALE—144-acre farm, good house, barn, orchard, 25 acres cleared, water frontage; price \$2,000.

TO LET—250-acre farm, house, barn, and 50 acres cleared, with orchard, and river frontage; option to purchase.

Men of Brains.

Men of great intellect are usually great coffee drinkers, hence it is called the "intellectual beverage."

"Seal Brand" Coffee

has that wholesome quality as a morning beverage only found in pure coffee of the highest grade.

In 1 and 2 lb. sealed tins, at grocers.

Chase & Sanborn, - Montreal

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Canadian Gin

"Tingles the palate and agrees with the stomach."

Superior to Imported Gin because it's old

Distilled exclusively with the finest grains.

The Only Gin... which is fully matured for years in bonded warehouses and bottled under government supervision.

The Only Gin... having its age and quality guaranteed on every bottle by an official government stamp.

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IS THE FINEST TYPE OF PURE, WELL MATURED GIN.

It has a delicate flavor, and an agreeable mellow taste.

Highly recommended by physicians because it's Old and Pure.

R. P. Rithet & Co., Ltd., Agents.

New Ebony Goods, Toilet Cases, Manicure Cases, Brushes, Mirrors, Military Brushes, etc.

Perfumes in fancy packages from 50c. to \$5.00.

Perfume Atomizers from 50c. to \$2.50.

Let us show you these goods while our stock is complete.

HALL & CO., DISPENSING CHEMISTS.

O'Leary Block, Cor. Yates and Douglas Sts.

WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Dec. 20-5 a. m.—The pressure is high over the entire North Pacific slope, and fair weather prevails in all districts. Light snow has fallen at Kamloops, and it has become much colder in Cariboo. In the Northwest snow has fallen in Manitoba and Saskatchewan, and the weather is generally fair and cold.

Forecasts.

For 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Wednesday. Victoria and vicinity—Northern winds, cloudy and cold, with rain or sleet to-night or Wednesday.

Lower Mainland—Light winds, chiefly cloudy and cold, with rain or sleet to-night or Wednesday.

Reports.

Victoria—Barometer, 30.20; temperature, 37; minimum, 36; wind, 4 miles N.; weather, cloudy.

New Westminster—Barometer, 30.18; temperature, 32; minimum, 30; wind, 4 miles N. E.; weather, fair.

Kamloops—Barometer, 30.30; temperature, 28; minimum, 24; wind, 10 miles S.; snow, .08; weather, cloudy.

Barkerville—Barometer, 30.28; temperature, 2; minimum, zero; wind, calm; weather, clear.

San Francisco—Barometer, 30.14; temperature, 40; minimum, 40; wind, 14 miles N. W.; weather, clear.

Edmonton—Barometer, 29.98; temperature, 24; minimum, 22; wind, 12 miles W.; weather, clear.

There are 740 people paying £1,000 and upwards yearly for the rent of a dwelling house in London.

The delight of every housekeeper,

COWAN'S CAKE ICINGS

Chocolate, Pearl Pink, White, Lemon color, Orange and Almond.

Have you tried the Almond? It is very fine.

The Cowan Co., Ltd., TORONTO.

A SPLENDID DISPLAY

To make a selection from or to give you an idea of what you need on your TABLE for Xmas. NO DINNER IS COMPLETE without a SALAD of some kind, and it is NECESSARY to have the OIL and other FIXINGS.

PICKLES and OLIVES give one an appetite, and the BOTTLES look NICE, too. Genuine Olive Oil, direct from the growers, 50c., 50c., \$1.00 per bottle. Salad Dressing, Royal, Durkee's and Snelcher's, 35c. to 65c. per bottle. Olives, from 15c. per bottle up. Grapes, Lobsters and Shrimps.

WATSON & HALL

55 YATES STREET.

TEL. 442. P. O. BOX 400.

BY-LAW PROVIDING FOR COMPENSATION TO REALTY OWNERS IN JAMES BAY DISTRICT

Deputy Returning Officers Appointed for the Forthcoming Municipal Elections on January 12th.

Another by-law is to be submitted to the citizens, in accordance with a large petition presented at last night's meeting of the city council. The by-law is for the raising of \$25,000 to provide compensation to property owners who have suffered in consequence of the extension of Douglas street and the filling in of the James Bay flats. The by-law was considered last night, together with others which will be voted on on January 12th, the date fixed for the municipal elections.

The secretary of the Victoria Property Owners' Association wrote as follows: His Worship the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Victoria: Gentlemen:—I am directed by this association to transmit for your information the enclosed letters from:

1. The city engineer of Vancouver, showing the average cost of sidewalks in that city to be 16 cents per superficial foot.
2. The city engineer of Seattle, showing that the average cost of sidewalks in that city, executed under contract, is 12 cents per superficial foot.

It is also a statement from the Contract Record of the 9th November, showing that the cost of sidewalks in the city of London, Ontario, is 9 cents per foot superficial; and to call your attention to the apparent disparity in cost between work done in Victoria and other cities to the disadvantage of the adjacent property owners. The attention of the association has also been called to the frequency of hollow places in these sidewalks, as, for instance, on Yates street. This is a defect that has either to be accepted as perfect work or made good at the expense of the ratepayers. In Seattle this is made good by the contractor at his own expense, and moreover, practical precautions are taken against this kind of defective work by limiting the execution of the squares to four superficial feet and filling the joints with more or less elastic material, thus preventing the arching due to the difference of expansion of the two layers.

I have the honor to be, gentlemen, Your obedient servant,

THOS. C. SORBY,

Secretary Victoria Property Owners' Association.

Received and referred to city engineer. J. W. Carey called attention to the bad condition of Waddington alley. Referred to the city engineer.

J. G. Smith directed attention to a stump in the way of a fence to be built on his property, Fairbairn street. Ald. Fell considered it strange that a stump had to be removed by the city for a fence to be erected on private property. Referred to city engineer.

John A. Coates reminded the council of his recent request for a stamping machine, the use of which he had been denied by city officials. The writer was prepared to give bonds for its use, or if this was not acceptable he asked for the city's price of the machine.

Ald. Grahame said if the machine was loaned to one it would be asked for by many others.

Ald. Fell considered that the city ought to know the condition of the machine, and he moved that the proper official be informed to report to the council. The motion carried.

H. Johnson requested that a sidewalk be laid either on both sides or on the south side of Esplanade street. Referred to the city engineer for report as to the cost of a six-foot walk.

Charlotte S. Mountain urged for an early consideration of her claim for compensation for injuries received through a sidewalk accident. Laid on the table.

W. W. Norwest submitted several applications for deputy returning officers at the forthcoming election.

A ballot was taken on these, the names submitted being Thos. C. Sorby, Chas. F. Beaven, William Dalby, D. Sprague, G. Mesher, Thos. Cashmore, William Humphrey, Geo. H. McLeod, John Munlock, H. Potts, J. H. Mathews, J. H. Siddell, E. Jones, J. L. Crump, Geo. Glover, T. J. Raymond, Geo. R. Orton. Only four were to be selected, the successful being T. G. Raymond, T. C. Sorby, Charles F. Beaven and G. H. Maynard.

J. L. Kirk et al. petitioned the council to introduce a by-law for the purpose of borrowing \$25,000 for the payment of compensation to owners of property damaged by the filling in of James Bay mud flats and the extension of Douglas street. The city assessor reported that the realty owned by the petitioners represented 10 per cent. of the value of property assessed in the city. Received and filed.

Members of the Bar Association petitioned for the appointment of a police court clerk, one capable of taking the depositions in shorthand. Received and filed.

Applications for the position were next read and balloted for in the usual manner.

The appointments were Messrs. Murdoch, Keating, Johns, Croft and Shakespeare. Mr. Keating was selected as a result of the ballot.

The finance committee recommended payment of accounts totalling \$1,029. Adopted.

Ald. Beckwith's motion that the nominations for mayor and aldermen be taken at the city hall on January 9th, between 12 and 2 o'clock, carried. The civic elections were fixed for three days later.

Mr. Raymond was appointed deputy returning officer for Centre ward, C. F. Beaven for South ward, and T. C. Sorby for North ward; and G. H. Maynard for the majority election. The polling for school trustees will take place at the city hall.

Ald. Grahame's motion for leave to introduce the by-law for the raising of the \$25,000 was next considered. The motion passed and the by-law received its usual readings and passed.

Voting will be taken on the by-law at the old fire hall building on January 12th. Voting on a by-law to provide for the Old Men's Home will take place at the same time.

DR. CAMPBELL ON UNITY OF RACE

MANKIND DESCENDED FROM THE FIRST ADAM

Unless Origin is Admitted, Salvation Through Christ is Not Universal—Gives Reasons.

Dr. Campbell gave a lecture last Sunday evening at First Presbyterian church to a large congregation on "The Unity of the Human Race," taking for his text "God made of one blood all nations of men" (Acts 17: 26). He said that the cosmopolitan character of the Christian religion which the Apostle Paul proclaimed on Mars Hill would sound strange to both Greeks and Jews, who looked with contempt on all outside of their own civilization and religion, and regarded themselves as the special favorites of heaven. The idea of the brotherhood of man, and the equality of all before God, had been making but slow progress. As late as the middle of the last century many earnest, intelligent and pious Christians could not see anything in negro slavery inconsistent with the Christian religion. The sermon on the Mount, so much spoken of, and so little practiced, contained the golden rule which struck at the root of slavery and every injustice and wrong perpetuated by man against his fellows.

If all men belonged to the same species, as apparently the Bible taught, then all men were equal before God. If they were not of the same species the atonement which applied only to those of the species of which Adam was the founder, Christ genealogically was descended from Adam, and his sacrifice could apply only to those of the human family who were of that species. The gospel could not be preached to all men if all were of different species, for Christ died only for the descendants of Adam. This was the vital point which should always be kept in view in discussing the pre-Adamite, the co-Adamite, or the Adamite theories of the origin of the human race. Unless the origin was Adamic, salvation through Christ could not be offered to all. To doubt the unity of the human race was to impugn the truth of the Bible and salvation by Jesus Christ.

According to Darwin, Huxley and Spencer, species in the animal kingdom were distinguished by some peculiarity which neither food, climate, breeding nor any environment could produce. The web-foot of the goose was a peculiarity which nothing could produce in the raven, therefore they were of different species. What a variety in the dog family, from the St. Bernard to the poodle, yet all the result of climate, food and breeding, and all descended from the wild dog, which was the same wherever he was found. What a variety in the equine family, from the powerful Scotch dray horse to the tiny pony of Ceylon. Yet all belonged to the same species. All was the result of natural causes, and all, therefore, descended from the same source, or beginning.

As might be expected, similar diversities were found in the higher animal kingdom to which man belonged. There was the Caucasian, the Mongolian and the Negro, and an endless diversity in each of these great families. But there was no greater difference between the lowest Negro and the highest philosopher, between Digger Indian and the profound statesman, than there was between the peasant and the nobleman, the simple and the sophisticated, the ignorant and the learned. The brain was the same, and was also the nervous system. A treatise written on anatomy, from the examination of the body of a man in Canada would be as applicable to all classes of men in all parts of the world to a Canadian.

Dr. Campbell, in conclusion argued, namely, man to glory in his origin: "God created man in his own image," and to cling to the old gospel. Everyone of every race descended from the first Adam, and all having the offer of salvation through the second Adam. The simplicity of man's origin and of man's salvation was great in its simplicity, as contrasted with the misty theories and absurd speculations of some of the schools of philosophies of Germany and France.

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The Daily Times Has All the News

Hon. R. G. Tatlow must be feeling very fit after his trip to the Old Land. On his way back he told a reporter of the Toronto Telegram that British Columbia "was strongly Conservative." It was; but that was before the McBride government came into power as the first Conservative government British Columbia ever had and completed the conversion of the people. The tables were published last night prove the strength of Toryism in this province to-day. The spectacle of the Premier interviewing the scattered remnants of the polyglot flock which pronounces so many different political shibboleths, beseeching them to ask for anything of value belonging to the people that has not yet been bestowed and they shall receive, so long as they do not desert him, is further proof of the strength of Conservatism in general and of the government which rules in the name of Conservatism in particular. Still we suppose the Finance Minister, etc., was asked by the reporter how his party did, and it could scarcely be expected that he would relate the facts as they must appear to him and to everyone who has not deliberately closed his eyes. The simple fact is that if the present legislature, which in no sense represents the business or political sentiments of British Columbia, were dissolved, McBride and his government, representing the Conservative party, could not carry a dozen seats on an appeal to the people. That fact is so plain that the members of the assembly who are responsible for the existence of the administration will probably continue to support it to save themselves from political extinction. The longer they continue the regime the deeper they will go down with it on the day of judgment.

CONVENIENT REVELATIONS.

The Mormons of Utah and Idaho possess a considerable advantage over all other political organizations on this continent of free and enlightened people. For that reason it is worth the while of those who run the political machine in the United States to cultivate them. Previous to elections the priests or the apostles who officiate in or have authority over the Temple receive revelations from Heaven or from some other place. Such divine (or diabolical, according to the faith or scepticism of the reader) decrees have direct reference to the manner in which the corporate vote of the church shall be cast. Any elector who disobeys the Voice is liable to celestial condemnation, and is sure of terrestrial persecution if he be found out. Hence it is argued that Mr. Smoot, who was elected to and insists upon holding a seat in the United States Senate, represents not the people of Utah but an ecclesiastical and from the average point of view by a no means creditable cult, and should be excluded from the national assembly. The Republicans took good care not to press the test too cruelly until after the federal elections, and the sagacious vote had been cast in accordance with the Voice that spoke from the questionable regions. In this democratic age any machine that controls votes must be treated with becoming tenderness. One conspicuous feature of the evidence of the patriarchs who manage Mormon institutions is the affection they all profess for their numerous families. They avow that they will stick to them closer than Mrs. Micawber protested she would cling to Wilkins, Esq. And yet more than one of them has declared that he was not positive as to the number of future Mormons he was responsible for the existence of. Further, we feel safe in saying that unless President Roosevelt should be moved to take a decided course in insisting upon reformation, the political and domestic affairs of Utah and Idaho will be continued on the old basis.

"EXPANDING CANADA."

Ignoring the dogmatic prediction of Mr. Andrew Carnegie that progress in Canada will be impossible while the country retains its present political status, London newspapers continue to dilate on the present activity and the prospects of business in the Dominion. As indicating that at the rate at which we are going now and at which we shall go when we gather momentum a generation now in existence may see Canada with a greater population than that of the Mother Country, the London Financial notes that the railroad earnings for four months under review are significant. From the beginning of July to the end of October, the gross earnings of the three principal Canadian systems, viz., Canadian Pacific railway, Grand Trunk and Canadian Northern, amounted to \$31,387,000, against \$30,000,000 for the same period of 1903, an increase of \$1,387,000, which increase was secured in the face of a decrease in Grand Trunk earnings during that period of \$413,000. The volume of wheat shipments over the Canadian Pacific railway is typical of the whole trade movement. During September the company moved 2,164,000 bushels, compared with 3,154,000 bushels in September last year. Down to the third week of October the total moved was 6,118,000 bushels, compared with 5,887,000 bushels last year. An estimate made of the comparative value of the Western wheat crop for the past three years is largely in favor of this year. At 65 cents a bushel the crop of 1900 was valued at \$38,108,000; at 65 cents the

crop of 1906 was valued at \$38,401,000. Estimating this year's crop at 60,000,000 bushels, and allowing 46,000,000 bushels at 80 cents to the farmer, and 14,000,000 bushels of low-grade at 50 cents to the farmer, the total would be \$43,800,000. Figures of that import and magnitude call for no explanation. Furthermore, it is noticeable that the increase in the earnings of the Canadian railways is proportionately higher than the increase on the American systems. The latter, during September, increased about 4 per cent., Mexican roads increased 6½ per cent., and Canadian roads 7 per cent. A large proportion of this increase undoubtedly came from Western traffic rather than eastern.

The reporters of Los Angeles tried hard to induce Sir Wilfrid Laurier to say something worth while when the Premier visited the California winter resort. But Sir Wilfrid was wary. He knows from experience that the imagination of the average American newspaper man is riotous above all things and desperately reckless. He was courteous and tactful, but he uttered not a word worthy of publication. The reporters did the best they could after the distinguished Canadian took his leave by sending dispatches to all parts of the earth declaring that he had been called home owing to a momentous political crisis.

It has been moved that the salary of the president of the United States be increased to two hundred thousand dollars. No doubt President Roosevelt will second the motion. At present the stipend attached to the position is fifty thousand dollars; but the United States has travelled far from a state of democratic simplicity, as it was inevitable she should, since the days when the remuneration of the head of the republic was fixed.

The Yukon election may mean the condemnation of "Siftonism," whatever that may be, but it does not imply a Conservative triumph. The Conservative party had no candidate in the field. The party is so utterly discredited in Canada that it could not induce a candidate to stand. Dr. Thompson ran as an independent. If there have been misdoings in the Yukon we hope he will expose them and secure the punishment of the wrongdoers.

Young ladies who are "willin'" are hereby reminded that the days of the year are nearly numbered. With the end of this leap year their privileges will be curtailed for a term which may put them beyond the pale of desirables.

In Utah the "revelations" come before elections. In some of the other states and sometimes nearer home the revelations come after elections.

CURRENCY IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.

To the Editor:—Could you or any of your readers inform me through your paper, whether in the early days of Victoria English money was used?—L. S. D. I mean. G. HOWAT.

(Previous to the year 1867 the currency in use in what is now British Columbia seems to have been of a miscellaneous character. The official currency, and no doubt the money in common use, was sterling. In that year the decimal system was established in the colony by legal enactment.)

KINGHAM VS. FRASER.

To the Editor:—I regret the evidence given by me before the plottage investigation committee have been made the subject of political controversy in "Sunday's Daily Colonist," and feel called on to say I am in no way responsible for either the article or the language used therein.

My testimony given before the commission is on record, and was given under solemn oath, in the presence and hearing of Mr. Kingham, who could there and then have taken the stand as a witness to challenge its correctness on oath had he so desired. This would have been a simple, straightforward course. But he dared not do this, and it is only after the Colonist's article appeared he deemed it advisable in his own political interest to make the denial appearing in your columns of this afternoon.

The matter must now be judged by the intelligent and impartial public who have followed the proceedings in court, and who know the past record of Mr. Kingham and myself. By their judgment I am quite willing to abide.

While Mr. Kingham did not dare deny any of my evidence in court, he is stated to have prompted counsel, who asked me an important personal question which I emphatically denied and which was proved to be without foundation by the very gentlemen whose authority had been given.

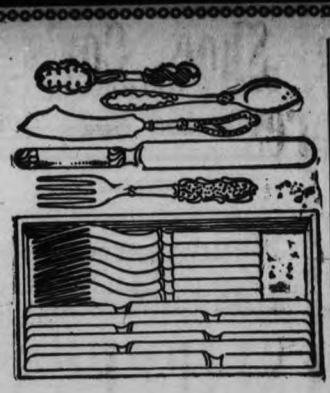
Mr. Kingham concludes his communication with a homily on his political "creed of to-day," which is thoroughly to be commended as the policy of the Liberal party, but unfortunately such has not been Mr. Kingham's individual "creed in the past," for proof of which there is ample evidence obtainable. However, this is not the point in question.

I shall decline further correspondence on the subject. A. B. FRASER, Sr. Victoria, B.C., Dec. 19th, 1904.

ENGLAND'S WAY.

The presence of Sir Wilfrid Laurier in Los Angeles recalls vividly to the mind the one great policy above all others which has made England the power that she is to-day among the nations of the earth. It is the policy of fair play. We use the phrase as applied to individual fair play. In other words, we refer specifically to England's policy of giving every man a square deal, no matter what his creed, color or nationality may be, and provided he is not England's enemy. Sir Wilfrid Laurier is a living example of the truth of this statement. He is not an Englishman, nor is he a member of the Church of England, but is, instead, a French-Canadian and a Roman Catholic. Yet he is Premier of the Dominion of Canada, England's greatest dependency.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier, however, is only one of the many instances of the kind in question. The present Prime Minister of England is a Scotchman. A few years ago a man who was an Irishman and also a Roman Catholic sat as Lord Chief Justice of England's courts of law, while at the same time, an Irishman was commander-in-chief of Great Britain's armies. The present commander of the British navy is an Irishman, England has had a Jew as her



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Prime Minister, and more than one Jew has held the exalted and highly honorable office of Lord Mayor of London. A native of India has represented a London constituency in parliament regularly for several years. So might these instances be added quite endlessly in England itself, and throughout all her colonies as well.

It has been a fixed rule in English politics, since the dawn of the Victorian era, at least, to give the people conquered by British arms an immediate participation in their own government, and to place their representatives in the larger field of the general government of the Empire, if possible. It has been the policy to get the best brain and genius employed in the government's service, and it mattered not at all from what part of the Empire the man came, or at what shrine he worshipped. There could be no wiser policy than this, and there are those who will say that it was born in craftiness and selfishness and in no spirit of fair play whatever. That suspicion, however, is not warranted by the facts. There are things about England the stalwart American does not like. The Englishman has never been accused of being afflicted with just what might be called Anglomaniac. It has never hesitated to take a whack at John Bull when he deserved it. But for the character of the individual Englishman there is always reason for respect. And it is due, we think, to those qualities which we admire in the individual Englishman that it has been possible for so many men like Sir Wilfrid Laurier to rise to greatness under the Empire. For it is a fact that the average and typical Englishman loves fair play. The English are brave men and they fight in the open. They settle their quarrels, among themselves, with the weapons that God gave them and not with the knife and the bully. They are not anarchists nor the foes of law and order. And it is these things in the Englishman that have enabled him to so spread his dominion that the sun never sets upon it.

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Boston Bulletin.
Lawyer (to witness)—Never mind what you think, we want facts here. Tell us where you first met this man.
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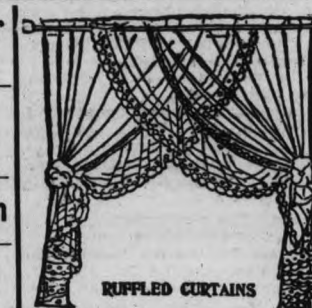
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NO. 2 VIEW ST.

—Court Victoria, 8,930, A. O. F., will meet to-morrow night in the Sir William Wallace hall for the transaction of business, following which a social dance will be given. The Schi-Banty orchestra will provide the music.

—Four Per Cent. Interest.—If you want to make your money earn interest at the rate of four per cent. per annum, deposit it with the B. C. Permanent Loan & Savings Company. Their "Class 'E' deposit plan. The whole amount, or any part thereof, withdrawable at any time.

—Mr. John Roe, of this city, and Miss Marguerite Bierman, formerly of Nanaimo, but now of Victoria, were united in marriage at the Centennial Methodist church last night by Rev. J. P. Westman. Only the intimate friends of the relatives were present.

—The Victoria Ministerial Association held a meeting yesterday to consider arrangements for the annual week of prayer from January 1st to 7th inclusive. A committee was appointed with A. Ewing as convener to make the necessary preparations.

—Sir Per Cent. Interest.—If you want to make your money earn six per cent. interest, invest in Class "B" full-paid stock of the B. C. Permanent Loan & Savings Co. The whole amount withdrawable at any time after two years. Interest payable half-yearly. Explanatory literature sent to any address on request.

—Last evening Rev. W. Leslie Clay, B. A., united in wedlock Mr. Gavin Lawson, of Belfast, Ireland, and Miss Helen E. Currie, of Glasgow, Scotland. The bride was attended by Miss K. Hibbs, and Mr. G. A. Laird supported the bridegroom. After the ceremony a wedding supper was served by Mrs. E. Graham. Mr. and Mrs. Lawson will spend their honeymoon in the Sound cities.

—H. G. Robinson wishes to notify the public who are interested that the last lectures and exhibitions and last chance to buy Marconi shares at par will be given on Monday night, Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday afternoon and evening. This will be the last chance to see the wonderful invention of the age. On Thursday there will be a special demonstration. Mr. Robinson will be at Institute hall daily from 10 to 4 to explain the workings, etc.

—For the Christmas and New Year holidays the Esquimalt & Nanaimo railway are putting in effect excursion rates between all points, the tickets being on sale from Saturday, December 24th, until Sunday, January 1st, inclusive, with final return limit Tuesday, January 3rd. The regular train service will be in effect with the exception that on Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25th, all trains are cancelled.

—The Metropolitan Methodist Sunday school will hold its Christmas entertainment in the main auditorium of the church to-night. A beautiful Christmas cantata entitled "Bethlehem Chimes" will be rendered by 200 voices, assisted by the Sunday school orchestra, under the direction of Aaron Parfitt. A "grand march" will take place at 7.45 o'clock around the church and onto the platform by scholars carrying sprays of holly and presents to be distributed among the needy. A general invitation is extended to the public. No admission fee will be charged.

—As a result of the cheap rates from Manitoba and the Northwest Territories, visitors from these districts are reaching Victoria every day. The registers of all the local hotels bear the names of prominent Winnipeg business men and farmers from different parts of the wheat-growing section. But H. Cuthbert, secretary of the Tourist Association, expects many more here in January; in fact it is anticipated that the majority of the low transportation will postpone their visit until after the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

—The concert given at North Ward school on Friday evening was very successful from a financial standpoint, the sum of \$56 being realized. This will be devoted to the library fund. The thanks of the school and school staff are due the Times and Colonist for liberal advance notices; to Prof. Haynes and his excellent orchestra; to the trustee board for the excellent lighting arrangements; and to the many friends who extended their patronage and braved the stormy weather, all of which greatly contributed to the success of the night's proceedings.

—See our gent's English patent leather dancing shoes at \$2.50; equal to \$3.50 lines. Watson's shoe store, 65 Yates street.

—"Interesting as a novel" is the verdict of the reading public on Fr. Morice's history of British Columbia. For the new edition with portrait apply to the author, Mission City, B.C.

NEW WHARF TO BE USED NEXT MONTH

IS NOW ABOUT READY FOR PUBLIC SERVICE

Outer Will Act as Tender on Minnesota
—Latter Will Anchor Off Outer Wharf

Beginning with the new year the steamers Princess Victoria and Princess Beatrice, plying on the Victoria and Vancouver and the Victoria and Seattle routes respectively, will land at and take their departure from the new wharf, which has been built for the C. P. R. in James Bay. This structure is almost finished; in fact a number of the fleet have been making the wharf a berthing place for many weeks, but none of the company's fleet has yet landed passengers there. Steamers of the Skagway, northern and West Coast lines will probably continue for a while to make the old wharves their headquarters, as the company will still retain the use of these after the beginning of the new year.

NEARING VICTORIA.

Kenneth Burns, agent of the Great Northern Railway Company, has been notified that the monster steamship Minnesota left San Francisco for Victoria last night and will be due here on Thursday. She will call at Williams Head to comply with the Dominion regulations, and will then, it is expected, come to a point close to the outer wharf. She will be tendered on by the steamer Otter of the C. P. R. fleet, which has been chartered for the occasion, and which will convey to the ship members of the municipal council and board of trade and prominent business men. The Otter will leave the inner wharf on Thursday afternoon, but owing to the uncertainty of the Minnesota's time of arrival, Mr. Burns cannot as yet fix an hour for her departure. For this reason Mr. Burns has thought it inadvisable to issue formal invitation cards. There will doubtless be a very strong demand on space aboard the Otter. Many have already signified their intention of seeing on her arrival here the largest freight steamer in the world, but those not permitted to go out on the tender will be able to see the great ship off the outer wharf.

SEALING MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Victoria Sealers' Association will be held on the afternoon of the 23rd inst. in the board of trade building. At this meeting the usual reports will be submitted and a line of policy will be adopted with regard to operations during the coming year. The company's fleet is all in the harbor, excepting the Oscar and Hattie, which is still on the coast. Two men will be sent down on the next voyage of the Queen City to help bring her home.

MARINE NOTES.

Steamship Yangtze will call here to-morrow to pick up a few hundred tons of salted salmon which the Germanics was obliged to leave behind. The Yangtze is outbound, and after loading the freight mentioned will proceed to Oriental and European ports.

Steamer City of Seattle, which has been on the Esquimalt Marine railway for the last nine or ten days receiving repairs, was floated at noon to-day and will proceed to the Sound this afternoon.

The Blue Pannel liner Keeman will be due from Liverpool and ports in the Orient on the 3rd of next month. She is bringing seven or eight tons of freight for Victoria.

Steamer Mackinaw, after discharging 800 tons of cement for the new C. P. R. hotel in James Bay, left for Tacoma last evening.

R. M. S. Aorangi will be due from Australian ports and intermediary points to-morrow.

PERSONAL.

D. McMillan, of San Francisco; Chas. H. Metcalf, of Detroit; T. B. McGovern, of New York; J. Colliers, of Seattle; J. J. Semson, of London; J. V. Reid and wife, of Danville, Iowa; Taylor and W. H. Armstrong and wife, of Vancouver; and H. W. Woodward and wife, of Lynn, are guests at the Driad.

T. R. Humbird, of Spokane, a son of J. A. Humbird, president of the V. L. & M. Co., arrived on the steamer Whatcom yesterday to spend Christmas at Chemainus.

W. H. Fowler, R. H. Campbell, R. Shore, H. McLean, R. Randolph, D. Spencer and H. B. Frith were among the arrivals from Vancouver last evening by the steamer Princess Victoria.

J. Alexander, of Duncan; W. H. Anderson, of Newfoundland; Hugh B. Gilmore, John Wallace, Jas. Fowler and H. G. Frith, of Vancouver, are at the Vernon.

J. H. Cassidy, of Duncan; Alf. H. Lucas, E. W. McLean, Wm. Holm, James Cathcart, Owen Parnell and John Herd, of Vancouver, are at the Victoria hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. McHarg, who recently arrived from India, left by this morning's E. & N. train. While here they were registered at the Dominion.

Miss Redford, of Seattle, is spending the holidays with Miss McGregor, of Ivyholme, McClure street.

Capt. J. N. Rogers, master of steamer Victorian, and Mrs. Rogers, leave on the steamer Whatcom to-night for Seattle.

E. W. Molander, the well known mining man, was among the steamer Whatcom's passengers from Seattle yesterday.

L. B. Joseph, of Vancouver, is in the city. He leaves for the West Coast by the steamer Queen City this evening.

Joseph Collins and Arnold Becker returned from Seattle on the Whatcom yesterday.

Mrs. J. J. White and Miss M. M. Brothour, of Sidney, are guests at the Dominion hotel. Steve Jones, proprietor of the Dominion hotel, is visiting Vancouver.

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INTELLIGENT ANIMALS.

Educated Sheep and Hogs at the Grand This Week

That there is nothing like a circus to draw crowds of old as well as young is proved every time the big tents are erected in any city or village, and any animal show is the best drawing card that can be had in any theatre. This has been demonstrated at the Grand theatre on Johnson street with musical pigs, trained dogs, seals and cockatoos, and this week by the best of them all, Prof. Musnier's troupe of educated sheep and hogs. The Grand was crowded at the opening performance yesterday, and as the reports of their wonderful feats are circulated the increasing attendance every day will certainly make it necessary to give extra performances to allow all to see them. While, of course, the big attraction, they are not the whole show, however. The lions, also in the troupe, are headliners, and also Tommy Hayes, whose horse work must be seen and heard to be appreciated. Sam and Ida Kelly furnish the comedy in a sketch entitled "McGuire's Troubles," which keeps the audience in convulsions for fifteen minutes. F. Roberts sings "All's Fair in Love and War," and the moving picture of the special features of the entertainment.

NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY.

John Fannin Memorial Fund Has Been Started—Subscription List—Opened.

The usual fortnightly meeting of the Natural History Society was held yesterday evening in the provincial buildings with the president, Capt. Walbran, in the chair. During the routine of the evening the John Fannin memorial fund was again brought forward, and the secretary reported having sent out a large number of letters to the residents of the city, but up till the present had not received any donations in response to them. A contribution of \$50 for the fund was unanimously voted by the society, and a subscription list will be opened in the Bank of Commerce. Intending subscribers are requested to place their names on this list, or send the money to Frank Sylvester, the acting secretary. At the close of the business meeting, in the absence of the reader of the paper of the evening, J. R. Anderson, an address was given by Capt. Walbran on the history of the battle of Trafalgar. During the address a translation of the French account of the battle was read from the Naval Chronicle of October 25th, 1805, published by order of Napoleon in the Official Gazette Moniteur. The difference between the truth and the French account was most remarkable, and showed that even in those days a newspaper correspondent could make as good showing for the fallen as for the victors. The humorous side to the history mentioned was well illustrated, and was appreciated by those present, a good deal of amusement being created by the display of the statements contained in British and French accounts.

MEETING OF THE LEGISLATURE.

It Is Probable That the House Will Be Called Together February 2nd.

The date of the calling together of the provincial legislature will likely be Thursday, February 2nd. Premier McBride returned last evening from a trip into the upper country. Asked whether the date, February 2nd, was not likely to be the one fixed for the calling together of the House, he replied that it might quite likely be on that day that the legislature would assemble.

The exact date has not yet been decided upon, and the Premier says there is a possibility that the members may be called together in January.

Hon. R. G. Tatlow is expected to reach Vancouver to-day, and Hon. R. F. Green is also expected back in a few days. With these members of the government in the city an executive meeting will be held during the week, and a decision likely reached as to when the legislature shall be summoned together. It has to be called before February 11th in conformity with the statute.

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FLORENCE ROBERTS IN ROLE OF TESS

GOOD PRESENTATION OF WELL-KNOWN PLAY

Ben Greet's Players at the Victoria To-
night and To-morrow—Comedy
Drama at Redmond.

Miss Florence Roberts and company
pleased a fair-sized audience by their
capable presentation of the drama "Tess
of the D'Urbervilles" at the Victoria
theatre last evening. Miss Roberts had
the stellar role, and although she did not
equal in intensity the famous "portrayal"
of this character by Mrs. Fiske, who
appeared here in the play several years
ago, she gave a delineation of considerable
power. She has that strong emo-
tional ability, which admirably suits her
for such a role as Tess, and while the
play is not altogether pleasant to con-
template, as a vehicle for the exhibition
of histrionic talent of a superior order,
it thoroughly answers the purpose.
Lucius Henderson, who by the way has
been Miss Roberts's leading male sup-
port for years, was a first-class Angel
Clare. Another familiar face was that
of Melbourne MacDowell, who had the
role of Alex D'Urberville, who must be
regarded as the villain of the piece. Mr.
MacDowell has had quite an eventful
life since he first appeared here as the
Baron Scarpia, in "La Tosca," with
Blanche Walsh in the title role. Mr.
MacDowell has had a wide variety of
leading ladies since then, but in some
way he seems unable to keep them.
Georgie Woodhouse and her little
daughter Ollie Cooper, a sister of the
inimitable Georgie, are also in the com-
pany.

At the Redmond.
A good-sized audience enjoyed the per-
formance of the comedy drama "Man
and Master" at the Redmond theatre
last evening. This proved to be one of
the most popular bills the company has
yet presented, each of the characters be-
ing exceptionally well taken. Ed. Red-
mond had the role of Jerry, and kept the
audience in one continual round of merrit-
ment. Theo. H. Bird as James O'Neil,
Clyde Granger as Bob Sinclair, Estelle
Redmond as Chick, Rae Bronson as
Florence West and the others gave
equally good presentations.

To-morrow afternoon "Man and
Master" will be given the same matinee
performance. On Thursday night the old
English comedy "Caste," with Madame
Myer in the leading role, will be the at-
traction. This well-known play will be
the bill for the remainder of the week.
"Everyman."
Miss Crawley's work as Everyman
has, it is said, stamped her as an artist
of the first rank, and the leading critics
of San Francisco have vied with each
other in singing the praises of this
beautiful young Englishwoman, whose
superb education, high intelligence, and
wonderful range of the poetic lines of
Shakespeare and of the priest, who wrote
"Everyman," have combined with her
pleasing presence to make her a favorite
of the audiences which have seen her.

"It was an exquisitely beautiful por-
trayal," says one critic, of Miss Craw-
ley's Everyman, and the same critic
goes on to say: "From this central
figure radiated the minor characteriza-
tions, not one of which was poorly
wrought, but each and every one contri-
buted his or her own share to the re-
markably rich mosaic of the whole. Syd-
ney Greenstreet was a capital Fel-
dew."

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NOTICE TO MARINERS. Rules to Be Followed in Passing Through the New Westminster Bridge.

In a recent notice to mariners, issued
by the department of marine and fish-
eries, directions are given to be followed by
vessels passing through the New West-
minster bridge. The notice says:
Always pass through the starboard
opening.
Do not pass through the bridge until
the swing is fully open; that is until the
span is directly over the swing protec-
tion.
The lights hereinafter described will
mark the swing span and openings at
night:
A red light at each end of the swing
protection, and a red light at each end
of the swing span, the latter being ap-
pearing when the bridge is closed. A
green light on the pier at the south end
of the span, showing down-stream only.
A green light on the pier at the north
end of the span, showing up-stream only.
The span is not open, ready for vessels
to pass through, until the red lights on
the span are seen directly over the red
lights on the swing protections.

Further notices given by the depart-
ment follow: The east beacon, marking
the edge of the shoal ground, north side
of First Narrows, entrance to Vancouver
harbor, and bearing from Brockton point
lighthouse N. 45 degrees W. distant 5
cables, having been carried away, has
been replaced by a similar beacon placed
in the same position.
The beacon is a dolphin consisting of
five black piles, braced together at the
head, surmounted by a white triangle,
apex down. The beacon dries at low
water.
The two beacons (referred to in notice
to mariners No. 54 of 1894, section II,
paragraphs 3, 4 and 5) maintained by
the city of Vancouver to mark and guard
the waterworks supply pipes, being suf-
ficient aids to navigation in marking the
extent of the shoal ground in that vicin-
ity, the beacon cable to the west-
ward of the western-most water pipe
beacon, which has disappeared, will not
be replaced.

The west beacon (referred to in notice
to mariners No. 54 of 1894, paragraph 1)
has been discontinued, and a new beacon
erected 2 1/2 cables N. 45 degrees W. from
the position formerly occupied by the
old west beacon. From the beacon
Siwash rock bears S. 4 degrees E. distant
8 cables.

The beacon consists of five black piles,
braced together at the head, and sur-
mounted by a white starwork square.
The beacon is in 9 feet of water.
The red spar buoy heretofore moored
in 4 1/2 fathoms off Village point, Baynes
sound, has been replaced by a steel conical
buoy, painted red.

A black spar buoy has been establish-
ed on the north side of Browning pas-
sage, to show the extent of the shoal
ground. The buoy is moored in five
fathoms of water.
A red spar buoy has been established
on the south side of Browning passage
to show the northerly extent of the shoal
referred to in notice to mariners No. 84
(292) of 1902. It is moored in five
fathoms.

A platform buoy, carrying a wooden
starwork pyramid surmounted by a
drum, the whole painted black, has been
established off the south extreme of
North bank, Hecate passage, Clayoquot
sound. The buoy is moored in five
fathoms of water.
A platform buoy, carrying a wooden
starwork pyramid, surmounted by a ball,
the whole painted red, has been estab-
lished at the eastern entrance of Hecate
passage, to mark the rock that dries.
The buoy is moored in five fathoms of
water. The rock dries about one foot at
an extreme low water, and is marked by
kelp.

Everyman will be presented by the
Ben. Greet players to-night, and there-
should be a large house. To-morrow
afternoon a matinee performance of
"Everyman" will be given.

"The Star of Bethlehem,"
"The Star of Bethlehem" that will be
given by the Ben. Greet players under
the personal direction of Ben. Greet to-
night is one of the most delightful and
impressive Christmas plays ever offered
to the English speaking world, as well as
one of the most remarkable plays on the
modern stage. To old and young alike
it gives keen enjoyment, and at the same
time has the effect of educating the
classes to the conditions of the earlier
drama of the middle ages.

The story of the play is taken from
the miracle plays that were performed
on the public streets or in religious
houses, representing some of the myste-
ries of Christianity. In these plays the
labor guilds of England took a most
prominent part.
"The Star of Bethlehem" is arranged
from 20 such dramas by Prof. Chas.
Mills Gayley, of the University of Cal-
ifornia, and preserves the simple dignity
and reverence of the originals.
The dramatic critic of the San Fran-
cisco Call in speaking of this play on its
first presentation in the University of
California says: "One is grateful to the
Greet players for the many beautiful pic-
tures in the 'Star of Bethlehem'. Here
is one of the most beautiful: The cen-
tral curtain divides to reveal the figure
of the angel Gabriel, star-crowned, in a
mantle of wonderful blue, lilacs in the
hand, and the exquisitely spiritual face
Constance Crawley can bring to the pic-
ture. . . . The tale of the thiefing
shepherd Mak takes up the beginning of
the play. It is one of the earliest
samples of English comedy, intensely in-
teresting and naively humorous. Mak
joins the three shepherds that see the
Star of Bethlehem; he steals one of their
sheep. Gyl, his wife, fearing discovery,
puts the wether in the cradle, pretending
it to be a new-born child. The three
shepherds come. The groans of Gyl and
protestations of Mak deceive the herd;
they go, but one out of pity for the
poverty of the couple proposes to leave
the gifts for the child with a kiss. The
wether is discovered, and Mak is tossed
in a blanket for his sins. The whole
story told in vigorous and terse English
is strong with historical value, and is in
itself essentially dramatic. Mr. Greet
was a highly humorous figure as Mak,
and the other shepherds were also ad-
mirably undertaken by their unlabelled
exponents."
"The Star of Bethlehem" will be pre-
sented to-morrow evening.

NO DOUBT ABOUT ROBT. BOND'S CASE

HE WAS CURED OF BRIGHT'S
DISEASE BY DODD'S KID-
NEY PILLS.

Doctors Said: There Was No Hope for
Him, But He Is a Well
Man Now.

Mount Brydges, Ont., Dec. 19.—(Spe-
cial).—That Dodd's Kidney Pills cure
Bright's Disease completely and perma-
nently has been clearly shown in the case
of Mr. Robt. Bond, a well known resi-
dent of this place. Mr. Bond does not
hesitate to say he owes his life to Dodd's
Kidney Pills.
"My attending physician," Mr. Bond
states, "said I was in the last stages of
Bright's Disease and that there was no
hope for me. I then commenced to use
Dodd's Kidney Pills and no other reme-
dy. I used in all about twenty boxes
when my doctor pronounced me quite
well. I have had no return of the trou-
ble since."
Bright's Disease is Kidney Disease in
its worst form. Dodd's Kidney Pills al-
ways cure it. They also easily cure
milder forms of Kidney Complaint.

Eleven people are believed to be dead
in a hotel as a result of the falling of the
east wall of the O. H. Peck building,
which was destroyed in the big fire last
week.

DISCOVERY MADE. Enterprising Citizen Uncovers a Crossing on Cadboro Bay Road.

J. A. Mara has won the esteem of all
citizens who habitually use the crossing
on Cadboro Bay road at Pemberton road
and Stanley avenue. Early yesterday
afternoon he was seen busily at work
with a shovel at that point on the street.
His efforts were rewarded with success
and a stone crossing was unearthed.
Mr. Mara will not by his discovery
win the money which attaches to the
location of the buried cities of ancient
empires. His work, however, has been
of the utility type and he has earned his
reward in the praises of all passersby.
The crossing is situated in a narrow
part of Cadboro Bay road where the dust
is deep in summer and the mud attains a
similar depth in winter. A few weeks
ago a stone crossing was put in and all
citizens interested were reminded that
election time was drawing near. But
the genius which presided over the plac-
ing of the stones in position conceived the
plan of putting them somewhat below the
level of the street. The first rain which
followed buried the stones beneath the
mud.

Mr. Mara yesterday decided that heroic
measures were in order and acted ac-
cordingly. Now there is talk of pe-
titioning the city council to have a shovel
provided with which the citizen with a
little time on his hands may utilize it to
advantage in a public way.

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REVISED STATUTES OF CANADA,
CHAPTER 22.

Notice is hereby given that one month
after date application will be made to the
Governor-General in Council for approval
of the plan and site of a street and sewer
to be erected by William Moore and
Ernest W. Whittington on and opposite
lots 8, and 9, in Block B, Work
Estate, in the City of Victoria, British Col-
umbia.
A plan of the site with description there-
of has been deposited with the Department
of Public Works at Ottawa, and a duplicate
of each has been deposited in the Land
Registry Office, Victoria, B. C.
Dated this 28th day of November, 1904,
at Victoria.
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Victoria, British Columbia,
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Municipal Election, 1905.

Notice is hereby given that in order to
qualify as voters at the forthcoming
Municipal Election, either as license hold-
ers or householders, such persons are re-
quired during the month of December to
make and subscribe before a Justice of
County Court Judge, Stipendiary or Police
Magistrate, Commissioner for taking aff-
idavits in the Supreme Court, Justice of the
Peace or Notary Public, the statutory
declaration provided by the "Municipal
Elections Act."
This declaration may be made before Mr.
W. W. Northcott, City Assessor, who is a
Justice of the Peace in and for the City
of Victoria, at his office, City Hall.
Assessed real estate owners are not re-
quired to make this declaration.
WELLINGTON J. DOWLER,
C. M. C.
Victoria, B. C., Dec. 2nd, 1904.

Land Registry Act.

In the Matter of an Application for a
Duplicate Certificate of Title to Sub-
Division No. 10 of Lot 121 A, Victoria
City.
Notice is hereby given that it is my in-
tention at the expiration of one month from
the first publication hereof to issue a
duplicate of the Certificate of Title to the
above land, issued to Helen Carroll on the
13th day of May, 1895, and numbered 1839.
S. Y. WOOLTON,
Registrar-General.
Land Registry Office, Victoria, B. C.,
13th day of December, A. D. 1904.

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Having taken over the premises lately
occupied by Geo. A. Campbell, corner
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tral and well equipped rooms in the city
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NOTICE.
All mineral rights are reserved by the
Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company
within that tract of land bounded on the
south by the south boundary of Comox
District, on the east by the Straits of
Georgie, on the north by the 50th parallel
and on the west by the boundary of the B.
& N. Railway Land Grant.
LEONARD H. SOLLY,
Land Commissioner.

SYNOPSIS OF REGULATIONS FOR DIS- POSAL OF MINERALS ON DOMINION LANDS IN MANITOBA, THE NORTH- WEST TERRITORIES AND THE YUKON TERRITORY.

Coal.—Coal lands may be purchased at \$10
per acre for soft coal and \$20 for anthra-
cite. Not more than 320 acres can be ac-
quired by one individual, and upon com-
pletion of the survey the coal lands of 2,000
pounds shall be collected on the gross
output.

Quartz.—Persons of eighteen years and
over and joint stock companies holding free
miners' certificates may obtain entry for a
mining location.
A free miner's certificate is granted for
one or more years, not exceeding five, upon
payment in advance of \$7.50 per annum for
an individual, and from \$50 to \$100 per an-
num for a company, according to capital.
A free miner, having discovered mineral
in place, may locate a claim 1,000x1,000
feet, or less, and may also locate a claim of
less area, bearing location notices, one at
each end on the line of the lode or vein.
The claim shall first be recorded within fifteen
days if located within ten miles of a min-
ing recorder's office, one additional day al-
lowed for every additional ten miles or
fraction. The fee for recording a claim is
\$5.

At least \$100 must be expended on the
claim each year or paid to the mining re-
corder in lieu thereof. When \$500 has been
expended or paid, the locator may, upon
having a survey made, and upon complying
with other requirements, purchase the land
at \$1.00 an acre.

Permission may be granted by the Min-
ister of the Interior to locate claims contain-
ing iron and mica, also copper, in the Yu-
kon Territory, of an area not exceeding 100
acres.

The patent for a mining location shall
provide for the payment of a royalty of 2
per cent. of the sales of the products of the
location.
Placer Mining.—Manitoba and the N. W.
T., excepting the Yukon Territory.—Placer
mining claims generally are 100 feet square;
entry fee, \$5, renewable yearly. On the
North Saskatchewan River claims are either
bar or bench, the former being 100 feet
long and extending between high and low
water mark. The latter includes bar dig-
gings, but extends back to the base of the
hill or bank, but not exceeding 1,000 feet.
Where steam power is used, claims 200
feet wide may be obtained.

Dredging in the rivers of Manitoba and
the N. W. T., excepting the Yukon Terri-
tory.—A free miner may obtain only two
leases of five miles each for a term of
twenty years, renewable in the discretion
of the Minister of the Interior.

The lessee's right is confined to the sub-
merged bed or bars of the river below low
water mark, and subject to the rights of
all persons who have, or may have, re-
ceived entries for bar diggings or bench claims,
except on the Saskatchewan River, where
the lessee may dredge to high water mark
on each alternate leasehold.

The lessee shall have a dredge in opera-
tion within one season from the date of the
lease for each five miles, but where a per-
son or company has obtained more than
one lease one dredge for each fifteen miles
or fraction is sufficient. Rental, \$10 per
annum for each mile of river leased. Royalty,
\$100 per mile for each year and \$10 per
mile for each subsequent year. Royalty,
same as placer mining.

Placer Mining in the Yukon Territory.—
Creek, gulch, river and hill claims shall not
exceed 250 feet in length, measured on the
base line or general direction of the creek
or gulch, the width being from 1,000 to
2,000 feet. All other placer claims shall be
250 feet square.

Claims are marked by two legal posts,
one at each end, bearing notices. Entry
must be obtained within ten days. If the
claim is within ten miles of mining re-
corder's office, one extra day allowed for
each additional ten miles or fraction.
The person or company staking a claim
must hold a free miner's certificate.

The discoverer of a new mine is entitled
to a claim of 1,000 feet in length, and if the
party consists of two, 1,500 feet altogether,
on the output of which no royalty shall be
charged, the rest of the party ordinary
claims only.

Entry fee, \$10. Royalty at the rate of
two and one-half per cent. on the value of
the gold shipped from the Yukon Territory
to be paid to the Comptroller of Customs.
No free miner shall receive a grant of
more than one mining claim on each sepa-
rate river, creek, gulch or bench, and the
same miner may hold any number of claims by
purchase, and free miners may work their
claims in partnership with a free miner, the
paying fee of \$2. A claim may be abandon-
ed, and another obtained on the same
creek, gulch or river, by giving notice and
paying a fee.

Work must be done on a claim each year
to the value of at least \$200.
A certificate that work has been done
must be obtained each year. If not, the
claim shall be deemed abandoned and
open to occupation and entry by a free
miner.

The boundaries of a claim may be defined
absolutely by having a survey made and
publishing notice in the Yukon Official
Gazette.

Petroleum.—All unappropriated Dominion
lands in Manitoba, the Northwest Terri-
tories and Yukon Territory, excepting the
open to prospecting for petroleum, and the
Minister may reserve for an individual or
company having machinery on the land to
be prospecting an area of 1,280 acres for
such period as he may decide, the length of
which shall not exceed three times the
breadth. Should the prospector discover
oil in paying quantities, and satisfactorily
establish such discovery, an area not ex-
ceeding 640 acres, including the land well,
will be sold to the prospector at the rate
of \$1 an acre, and the remainder of the
tract reserved, namely, 1,280 acres, will be
sold at the rate of \$5 an acre, subject to
royalty at such rate as may be specified by
Order in Council.

JAMES A. SMART,
Deputy of the Minister of the Interior,
Dept. Interior.

NOTICE.
We, the undersigned, being petitioners
for the incorporation of the Districts of
Victoria, Lake and South Saanich into a
Municipality, hereby give notice of our
intention to apply to His Honor the Lieuten-
ant-Governor in Council for Letters
Patent under the Public Seal incorporating
the Districts of Victoria, Lake and South
Saanich into a District Municipality, (re-
specting only such portions thereof as form
Indian Reservations, under the name of
The Corporation of the District of Saanich,
J. STUART YATES,
JNO. G. ELLIOTT.

NOTICE.
Notice is hereby given that, under and
pursuant to the "Revised Statutes of Can-
ada, 1886," Chapter 92, The Taylor Mill
Company, Limited, of Victoria, B. C., has
applied to the Governor-General in Council
for a lease of certain foreworn rights, and
for approval of the plan and site for the
erection of a new wooden wharf adjoining
the present wharf of the said Company in
Rock Bay, in the harbor of the said City
of Victoria.

A plan of the said proposed works and
improvements, shown by metes and
bounds of the proposed site of the same,
has been deposited with the Minister
of Public Works at Ottawa, and a duplicate
thereof have been deposited in the Land
Registry Office at Victoria aforesaid.
Victoria, B. C., the 3rd day of December,
1904.

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LOCAL NEWS

—Steamer Princess Victoria left Vancouver at 12:30 o'clock, connecting with the Eastern train.

—P. J. Riddell is mentioned as a probable candidate at the forthcoming election of school trustees. Up to the present he has made no definite announcement regarding his candidature.

—William Rose, for whom some anxiety had been locally felt, has arrived at Dawson from Fairbanks. He says that roadhouses are so numerous along the entire route of hundreds of miles that one need not miss a meal. Meals in these places range from \$1 to \$2. Freight of machinery and supplies to the creeks was well under way, but the towns were not brisk. Mr. Rose reports that the camp is orderly and not rough. Operations on the Yukon railway had been suspended for the winter when Mr. Rose was en route to Dawson.

—It is announced that chess classes will be opened in connection with the Young Men's Christian Association for the night. T. H. Piper, one of the most expert of local players, has undertaken to act as instructor. Those who wish to become thoroughly acquainted with the game should not fail to take advantage of the present opportunity. The management of the Y. M. C. A. is fortunate indeed to have secured the services of such a capable player. H. Northcott, secretary of the association, also states that the church building, corner of Pandora and Broad streets, has been leased for the winter months for the purpose of allowing the junior and intermediate players some training. As mentioned in another column, league matches will all be played in this hall.

MILK MIXTURES
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THOMPSON-McFADDEN.
Marriage Celebrated in the St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Last Night.

At 9 o'clock last night, in the St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, a pretty wedding was celebrated. The bride, Miss Maude Ellis, of Vancouver, and the groom, Mr. George Haynes, of the bride, were both in blue and white. The bride wore a white embroidered chignon costume, and the bridesmaid was attired in blue crepe de chine with cream lace, and black picture hat. Rev. W. Leslie Clay performed the ceremony.

After the wedding a supper was partaken of at the residence of Mrs. Ross. Some time later the happy couple embarked on the steamer Princess Beatrice en route to their new home in Winnipeg. In the Pacific City the groom is a prominent business man. He was formerly a traveller for a Toronto firm. The bride is a popular Victorian, and has here a wide circle of friends.

THE PREMIER IN CHICAGO.

(Associated Press.)
Chicago, Dec. 20.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Premier of Canada, arrived in Chicago to-day. He went to the Auditorium Annex, where he was greeted by a number of friends.

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LEGAL NEWS.

Applications Heard in Chambers This Morning by Mr. Justice Irving.

In Chambers this morning Mr. Justice Irving heard applications as follows: In the estate of W. A. Franklin, deceased, application was made by F. Gregory for probate of will. The order was made.

Re Line of cases Act (Webster vs. Borden). An appeal was made from the award of the fence viewers in a dispute as to a ditch dug for the purpose of draining the property of one of the parties. R. T. Elliot, who appeared for the appellant, held that the fence viewers had exceeded their powers given to them under the act. His Lordship decided to view the ditch himself before giving a decision. W. J. Taylor appeared for the defendant.

Bryden vs. Helmecken. This was an application made to take account and for foreclosure. The summons was filed by G. H. Barnard for plaintiff, H. Dallas Helmecken for defendant.

BRITISH COLUMBIA GAME.

Experienced Hunter Says Grizzly Bear and Big Horn Are Plentiful.

Twenty years' hunting big game throughout the wilds of British Columbia is an experience of which few other than W. H. Manson, the well known Libby's guide, can boast. During that time he has had many adventures and has become so intimately acquainted with the habits of the big horn and the grizzly and the ordinary wild goat that he is sought after by big game hunters throughout America to act as guide in different expeditions. His reputation has spread to such an extent that he is already engaged for all next summer. Since becoming a guide Mr. Manson has had the honor of conducting many distinguished hunters through sections of the province only visited by an occasional hardy prospector or the more enthusiastic hunter. For instance, he took charge of the party organized by Capt. Van Plessen, and accompanied J. Harrison, a wealthy resident of Philadelphia, Pa., and Messrs. Whitney and Nichols, New York millionaires, on expeditions into the interior.

Discussing the preservation of game, Mr. Manson says that the reports that it is diminishing are not correct. He is as good as a position to judge as anyone and can say that the opposite is the case. In recent years he has found it unnecessary to travel as far inland in search of game as in the past. Big horn, goats and what is more desired than anything else—grizzlies are to be found in the neighborhood of the settlements. What is more, caribou also are numerous. These, however, are not in demand. Eastern hunters seek this game in Nova Scotia or Newfoundland, and when they come west almost always want the grizzly or big horn.

The present game act, Mr. Manson states, gives sufficient protection to the big game. The country is far from being depleted. There is an immense distance lying between the headwaters of the Bella Coola and Chilwien rivers which has not yet been touched. It is virgin soil and game of all varieties is sure to abound. Up to the present Mr. Manson has found it unnecessary to go so far in order to satisfy hunters, a fact which he advances as a strong argument against the contention that game is being killed off and that more stringent laws are necessary.

Asked this morning whether in his career as a hunter his life had ever been endangered, he replied that this had happened only once. It was in an encounter with a large grizzly bear. The first shot, which he advanced as a strong argument against the contention that game is being killed off and that more stringent laws are necessary.

couple of well-placed bullets into the brute's body.

Mr. Manson will leave to-morrow for the interior.

INVESTIGATION CLOSED.

All Evidence in Connection With Charge Against Mine Inspector Dick Has Been Heard.

Judge Spinks has completed the taking of evidence in connection with the charges preferred against A. Dick, inspector of mines, in which it was alleged that while filling the position of inspector he had accepted pay from the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company.

Judge Spinks sat yesterday in Nainaimo. Hugh Dixon gave evidence. Witness had many complaints against the condition of the mines of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company, especially with respect to dust. He had written a letter to the Minister, which referred to Mr. Dick receiving pay from the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company and had received a reply thereto from the minister of mines. He denied bringing the charge against the inspector, it was brought out in open court in Nelson. He wasn't satisfied that Mr. Dick was in the employ of the company. He didn't believe it, nor disbelieve it.

Superintendent Stockett, formerly of the Crow's Nest Pass Company, also gave evidence. After giving considerable expert evidence as to the conditions of the mines, Superintendent Stockett was asked: "Can you give any reason why the reports of the inspector improved in reference to the condition of the mine?" Superintendent Stockett replied: "I cannot, but can say that the later reports were correct."

"Do you know of any money being given to the inspector that influenced his reports?" was asked.

"I do not know of any being given or of any benefit being given by any official of the company or by any one connected with the company," replied Superintendent Stockett.

Mr. Harvey, on behalf of the government, then addressed the court, saying that although nothing had been shown to prove the charge that money had been received by the inspector, evidence had been given that the mine was in bad condition. Mr. Dixon speaks of large quantities of dust being on the haulage ways as well as some in the rooms. Mr. Stockett also gave evidence that dust was on the haulage ways, and that the same had been sprinkled with water cans and buckets. During that time the inspector reported that the mine was free from dust, as well as being sprinkled by the mine itself. Enough had been shown to give one the inference that something was radically wrong. "I have nothing further to say, you have all the evidence before you and I have no doubt, will give your decision accordingly," concluded Mr. Harvey.

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Great Interest Is Being Taken in To-Night's Fight at San Francisco.

(Associated Press.)
San Francisco, Dec. 20.—In sporting circles the interest in the Britt-Nelson contest to-night is intense. While the odds are 10 to 7 on Britt and some bets have been made at 10 to 8, there is a strong undercurrent of feeling in favor of Nelson. Many friends of Britt argue that he will win by gaining the decision, but the supporters of Nelson are not willing to concede that the fight will continue to the limit. Nelson himself says: "I expect Britt will put it all over me for eight or ten rounds, but after that I'll almost overcome by knock-out. However, if Britt fights me toe and toe as he says he will, the fight will never go 20 rounds."

Men who are betting on Britt figure him to win on his speed. Both of the lightweights are trained to perfection.

FIREMEN RESCUED NUNS.
Nine Sisters Had Narrow Escapes From Death in Fire Which Destroyed Convent.

(Associated Press.)
Chicago, Ill., Dec. 20.—Thrilling rescue of nine nuns, sisters of the order of the Hotel Dieu, of the French hospital sisters, marked the progress of a fire that swept through the convent and destroyed it to-day. Two of the nuns were injured and were carried from the building almost overcome by smoke. The women were rescued by the timely arrival of the firemen, who carried them down ladders from the burning buildings. The sisters came from Quebec, Canada, a short time ago. The loss on the building was \$50,000.

NEW GUNS FOR TURKS.
The Sultan Proposes to Borrow Fifteen Million Dollars to Re-arm the Artillery.

(Associated Press.)
Constantinople, Dec. 20.—The government has nearly completed arrangements with a foreign financial group, through the Ottoman Bank, for a loan of about \$15,000,000 to purchase new artillery. The occasion of the re-armament is the recent Bulgarian purchase of quick-firing guns which deeply impressed the Sultan.

COMPLAINTS UNHEEDED.
A Follower of "The Emperor of Sahara" Ignored Warnings of Danger.

(Associated Press.)
New York, Dec. 20.—A Tangier dispatch to the Herald says: "Mohammed Selamy, a follower of M. Leboulay, the self-styled Emperor of Sahara, who was arrested a few days ago, has been very harshly treated by the government. On his arrival at the prison he expressed a wish to see the governor and complained to him of the rough manner in which he was being dealt with. Selamy entreated the governor to allow him a separate counsel, contending that his rank gave him the right to expect less severe treatment than that meted out to the criminals with whom he was to be confined. The governor not only paid no heed to all this but ordered that his baggage should be immediately confiscated. He is being guarded strongly and the governor orders no communication whatever with him to be permitted."

DUE TO SPECULATIONS.
(Associated Press.)
Chicago, Dec. 20.—Charles H. Hinchins, a member of the firm of Hinchins, Ditt & Company, of New York, filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy in the United States District court here to-day. The liabilities are placed at \$277,478, and assets at \$1,000. Speculations in stocks and bonds on the consolidated stock exchange in New York is the cause assigned for the filing of the petition.

EXPULSION FROM EXCHANGE.
New York, Dec. 20.—The expulsion of John W. Riddle from the New York Stock Exchange was announced on the exchange to-day. Mr. Riddle was expelled by the board of governors on the ground that he had been guilty of irregular trading.

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MARRIED.
THOMPSON-McFADDEN.—On the 19th inst. at St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, by Rev. W. Leslie Clay, Ina McFadden, of Victoria, B. C. to Charles F. Thompson, of Wainipeg, Man.

to have had a bad effect on chivalrous notions. One would at least expect the men to do the housework. Unfortunately, the women, after a day's toil at the wharf or in the fields, come home to prepare their husbands' or their father's food, and the men lounge about taking care of their precious selves.—Liverpool Post.

GRIM STORY OF WAR.
Could any novelist invent a grimmer war incident than the following, reported in a Siberian paper to have taken place on the battlefield of Liao Yang. A Russian regiment was surprised by a Japanese ambush and lost 2,000 killed. Of one company every man was killed or wounded, only the captain and two other officers being able to get clear. When the enemy came the captain, though wounded, went off by himself. One of his friends, alarmed at this, went to look for him. He found him on the battlefield seated on a large stone. He had dragged to the spot the bodies of the men who once formed his company, and had arranged them in the ranks they filled when alive. When he recognized his friend he called out to him to shoot him. The women, after a day's toil at the wharf or in the fields, come home to prepare their husbands' or their father's food, and the men lounge about taking care of their precious selves.—Liverpool Post.

CEPMAN COURT-MARTIAL.
Two Corporals Who Dismayed Drunken Non-Commissioned Officer Sent to Prison.

The verdict passed by a court-martial at Dessau is attracting attention because significant of an obsolete military jurisdiction. At a village near Dessau a dancing entertainment took place, at which several soldiers were present. A non-commissioned officer named Heine, who was drunk, appeared, insulting and threatening those present. Finally he was led off by a soldier to prevent further mischief. Heine waited, however, in the street, and when two girls went home accompanied by two lance-corporals he again insulted them, and when spoken to drew his sword, laying about him. The two corporals disarmed him, and whilst wrestling with them he fell down. Both corporals were sentenced to five years' hard labor for rebellion.

The public prosecutor declared that no force must be used against a superior, and when counsel for the defence asked whether he meant that soldiers must quietly tolerate being killed by their superiors, the prosecutor answered in the affirmative, adding that they had no right of self-defence.

WOMEN IN PARAGUAY.
In Paraguay the women are in the proportion of seven to one as compared with the men. The consequence is that the men are taken the greatest care of, and everything which is unpleasant or done by the women. The streets are cleaned, ships are loaded, oxen are driven by them, and it is even said that they have taken part in their country's wars, acting as substitutes for their menfolk.

The women make all advances in the love-making direction, and the men are coy and bashful and exceedingly difficult to win, keeping their eyes open for what may be called the best chance. It is not common for a man to be wearing most elaborate apparel the while a woman walks by his side practically unprotected from the weather. Seven to one seems

The Berlin law courts have decided against the claimant in an action to recover 24c. the value of a stamp sent to cover postage for reply to a letter. The court held that the stamp was the legal property of the receiver.

The only Persian newspaper which resembles those published in other countries are those issued in India and Egypt, which copy English models. The few papers at Teheran contain little besides the Shah's proclamations and pictures of prominent officials.

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